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WAR IN UKRAINE

Murphy urges US to do more

Connecticut senator suggests raising nation's refugee admissions cap

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

As Russian forces continued to inflict a devastating toll on Ukraine, U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy urged the Biden administration on Friday to take additional measures to support the country and its

citizens, including by raising the nation's annual refugee admissions

cap.
"How are we going to show our generosity as a country by making sure that Ukrainian families that are fleeing violence can find shelter in the United States?" Murphy said during a press briefing at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. "... America has to do more than just send money to Ukraine, send money to Poland, send money to Moldova. We have to be willing to take Ukrainian families here in the United States."

Murphy, a Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called on the Biden administration to expand the United States' capacity to accept Ukrainian refugees, including by raising the refugee admissions cap for fiscal year 2023 or by offering permanent or temporary humanitarian parole to Ukrainians seeking refuge.

In addition to imposing

economic sanctions on Russia, the White House has recently begun to roll out aid efforts for Ukraine. Last week, the Biden administration announced that it would grant temporary protected status, a form of humanitarian relief, to Ukrainians who had been living in the United States without legal documentation on or before March 1. On Thursday evening, the Senate sent a \$1.5 trillion spending bill - which includes \$13.6 billion in military

and humanitarian aid to Ukraine to President Joe Biden for his signature.

But Murphy emphasized that America must do more for the Ukrainian people and clear a path for those seeking refuge.

"What we are watching is unconscionable," he said. "What we are seeing is war crimes in Ukraine today. It's not surprising because we watched [Russian

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Roman Stanislavskyy, a Ukrainian-born Connecticut resident, is calling on American leaders to do more following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He reached out to local police departments to send bulletproof vests and helmets overseas. SEAMUS MCAVOY/HARTFORD COURANT

Uniting to protect

Connecticut Ukrainian taps police to send bulletproof vests to conflict

By Seamus McAvoy | Hartford Courant

he idea came to Roman Stanislavskyy last Saturday, while he and his countrymen rallied in front of the Ukrainian American Club in

Stanislavskyy's friends and family members in Ukraine had told him citizens needed more bulletproof vests as the country enters its third week of conflict following Russia's Feb. 24 invasion. At the rally, attended by local police, Stanislavskyy realized they might be able to help.

He reached out to local police departments, asking if they had vests to spare that could be shipped overseas.

The answer was yes: Green-

wich police could send as many as 200 vests and a dozen helmets to Ukraine, a spokesperson said; Stanislavskyy said other Fairfield County departments are joining in the effort.

For Stanislavskyy, who believes the United States and other countries should be doing more to support Ukraine, the collection and shipment of vests is the kind of outside-the-

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RIGHT: Stanislavskyy and his wife, Olena, stand outside the iconic Zolochiv Castle in Zolochiv, Ukraine. COURTESY



Russia widens attack

Big convoy on road to Kyiv appears to fan out; airfields hit

By Yuras Karmanau Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine - Russia widened its offensive in Ukraine on Friday, striking airfields in the west and a major industrial city in the east, while the huge armored column that had been stalled for over a week outside Kyiv appeared to have spread out near the capital.

Military analysts were divided over whether the maneuvering by the Russian convoy signaled the imminent start of a siege of Kyiv or was just an effort to disperse some vehicles to more protected positions.

On the economic and political front, the U.S. and its allies moved to further isolate and sanction the Kremlin. President Joe Biden announced the U.S. will dramatically downgrade its trade status with Russia and also ban imports of Russian seafood, alcohol and diamonds. The move to revoke Russia's "most favored nation" status was taken in coordination with the European Union and Group of Seven countries.

On the ground, the Kremlin's forces appeared to be trying to regroup and regain momentum after encountering heavier losses and stiffer resistance than anticipated over the past two weeks. Britain's Ministry of Defense said Russia is trying to "reset and reposture" its troops, gearing up for operations against Kyiv.

"It's ugly already, but it's going to get worse," said Nick Reynolds, a warfare analyst at Royal United Services Institute, a British think tank.

With the invasion in its 16th day, Russian President Vladimir Putin said there had been "certain positive developments" in Russia-Ukraine talks, but gave no details.

For his part, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukrainian forces had "reached

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Connecticut bill aims to end marijuana 'gifting'

Supporters want to stop organized events from giving it away with sales

By Ginny Monk CT Mirror

Hundreds of shoppers filtered through rows of vendors selling novelty art and clothing earlier this year at High Bazaar, a Hamden festival where a "gift" of a marijuana product often accompanied

the items they purchased. But the High Bazaar parties are on hold for now, after the town of Hamden claimed permitting violations. And while a hearing in that civil case is scheduled for later this week, the state legislature is considering a bill that would outlaw such "gifting."

House Bill 5329 would impose up to a \$10,000 fine and a year of jail time on violators. Supporters of the legislation said it would help keep sales in the market regulated, although some hemp and cannabis advocates were wary that it would re-criminalize marijuana.

The bill also includes provisions to cap the number of equity joint ventures for producers and to outlaw billboard advertising. Equity joint ventures allow partnerships between social equity applicants and other cannabis businesses.

"We appreciate that gifting will go on between people in the privacy of their homes," said state Rep. Mike D'Agostino, a Democrat who represents Hamden. "An event that's organized, that rents space and is really a market just violates the entire intent of the statute that we put in place last year."

D'Agostino chairs the General Law Committee, which heard public comments on the bill Tues-

Cannabis gifting is a practice that's been used in Washington, D.C., where recreational marijuana sales aren't allowed but possession of less than 2 ounces has been decriminalized. Vendors sell consumers a product such as a T-shirt, and a cannabis product is included as a gift.

Douglas Moore, a Connecticut resident who has no arms or legs, told the committee that gifting from friends or family is one of the ways he gets his medical marijuana. He's opted for a medical

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Bristol seeing commercial resurgence

After months with several vacant storefronts, the Route 6 corridor in Bristol is getting new restaurants and shops. Two new coffeehouses will compete within a half-mile of each other, while Chipotle will enter the Bristol market and Dairy Queen will return. Connecticut, Page 1 ObituariesNews, 10-11 ...News. 2 Lotterv... Classified.....

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a strategic turning point," though he did not elaborate.

"It's impossible to say how many days we will still need to free our land, but it is possible to say that we will do it," he said via video from Kyiv.

He also said authorities were working on establishing 12 humanitarian corridors and trying to ensure food, medicine and other basics get to people across the country. Thousands of civilians and soldiers on both sides are believed to have been killed in the inva-

So far, the Russians have made the biggest advances on cities in the east and south - including in Mariupol, the heavily bombarded seaport where civilians scrounged for food and fuel amid a harrowing 10-day-old siege while struggling in the north and around Kyiv.

On Friday, Putin's forces continued to launch



Volunteers pass an improvised path under a destroyed bridge as they evacuate an elderly resident in Irpin, northwest of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday. EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

airstrikes in urban areas such as Kyiv, Kharkiv and Mariupol, while also pounding targets away from the main battle zones.

Russia said it used high-precision long-range

weapons to put military airfields in Lutsk and Ivano-Frankivsk in the west "out of action." The attack on Lutsk killed four Ukrainian servicemen, the mayor said.

fourth-largest city, with about 1 million people. One person was killed, Ukraine Russian airstrikes also

targeted for the first time

Dnipro, a major industrial

hub in the east and Ukraine's

math released by Ukraine's emergency agency, firefighters doused a flaming building, and ash fell on bloodied rubble. Smoke billowed over shattered concrete where buildings once stood. In another potentially ominous development

In images of the after-

for Ukraine, new satellite photos appeared to show that the massive Russian convoy outside the capital had split up and fanned out into towns and forests.

Howitzers were towed into firing position, and armored units were seen in towns near the Antonov Airport north of the city, according to Maxar Technologies, the company that produced the images.

The 40-mile line of tanks and other vehicles had massed outside Kyiv early last week. But its advance had appeared to stall amid reports of food and fuel shortages, muddy roads and attacks by Ukrainian troops with anti-tank missiles.

Mathieu Boulegue, a researcher at the U.K. think tank Chatham House, said the redeployment means the long-awaited battle for Kyiv is just hours or days away. He predicted a drawn-out siege, not an immediate storming of the

This is going to be a very long battle of attrition. This is going to be an atrociously casualty-heavy battle and a siege, the likes of which we have rarely seen in modern history," Boulegue said.

But a senior American defense official said that while elements of the convoy have broken off and moved to the tree line, the U.S. believes those are efforts to hide and better protect the vehicles, which are largely for supplies and haven't made any substantial progress toward the city.

However, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the U.S. military assessment, said other forces from the northeast had moved closer to Kyiv and were about 12 to 19 miles east of the city center.

Murphy

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President] Vladimir Putin perpetuate war crimes in Chechnya and Syria, and now he's doing it to the Ukrainian people."

Murphy has called for the expansion of America's refugee resettlement capacity in the past, including last spring, after he visited a detention facility at the U.S. Mexico border, and this past fall, amid the American withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Susan Schnitzer, the president and CEO of the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, noted that the organization has resettled nearly 230 Afghan refugees in Connecticut — and is ready to assist Ukrainians. She urged Congress to ensure that there are systems in place to enable Ukrainian resettlement efforts.

"If we've learned anything



U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy on Friday urged the Biden administration to raise Ukraine's annual refugee admissions cap. ELIZA FAWCETT/HARTFORD COURANT

through this most recent crisis with Afghanistan, we can resettle larger numbers

than we have in the past," she said. "The state of Connecticut has the systems in place to welcome people, to make sure people have safe homes, to make sure people find employment, learn English, get the schooling that they

Alexander Kuzma, the chief development officer of the Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation and a leader of Connecticut's Ukrainian-American community, who also spoke at the press conference, reported that the university's campus in Lviv has essentially become a refugee camp.

"Our dormitories, our fitness center, have now been converted into temporary emergency housing for people that are coming from the areas that have been bombed out by Putin's war criminals," he

The university is also sending humanitarian supplies, including medicine and body armor, into eastern Ukraine, Kuzma said. Several of the university's students have joined the frontlines of the conflict: an alumnus was killed on Thursday.

Kuzma urged Congress to "seriously consider" what it will take to end the conflict in Ukraine and argued that U.S. airstrikes "might be necessary."

In response, Murphy agreed that economic sanctions are "not enough" to halt Russia's advance, but noted that the U.S. has trained with Ukrainian military forces in recent years and that America can continue to support Ukraine by delivering arms and

"Right now, I don't think the people of Connecticut would support a declaration of war against Russia," he said, "And I support President Biden's decision to try to stay out of a direct confrontation between the two world's nuclear superpowers, which could end in millions of people dead."

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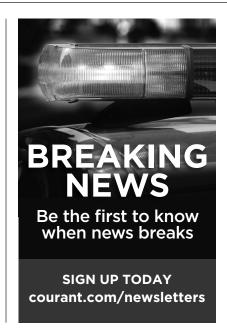
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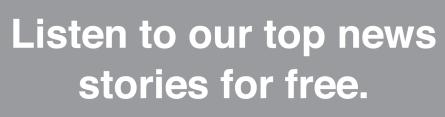
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NEWS BRIEFING

Immigration arrests in US drop amid focus on most dangerous

From news services

WASHINGTON - Immigration enforcement arrests within the U.S. fell sharply over the past year as the Biden administration shifted its enforcement priorities to focus on people in the country without legal status who have committed serious crimes, officials said Friday.

As it released its annual report, reflecting eight months under President Joe Biden, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said immigration arrests dropped nearly 40% from the previous year while the number of people apprehended who had committed "aggravated felonies" nearly doubled.

Total deportations fell to the lowest in the agency's history, down nearly 70% to 59,011, a number that, in part, reflects use of a public health order implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to expel people without formal deportation proceedings.

Officials portray this strategy as an efficient use of limited law enforcement resources, but it puts the administration in a bind between critics, primarily on the right, who want to see more apprehensions and progressive Democrats who have called for dramatically scaling back the mission of ICE or even eliminating it.

At a minimum, it also reflects a departure from the strategy pursued under

former President Donald Trump, who early on directed ICE to apprehend anyone who was in the country illegally regardless of other circumstances.

"ICE's officers and special agents focused on cases that delivered the greatest law enforcement impact in communities across the country while upholding our values as a nation," acting Director Tae Johnson said in a statement announcing the results.

Critics say the Biden administration's enforcement policy encourages the irregular migration that a succession of U.S. presidents have struggled to control.

"The Biden administration has turned the United States into a sanctuary country, plain and simple, said Mark Morgan, who was acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection under Trump.
ICE said nearly half the

arrests and deportations since Biden took office consisted of "serious criminals," which the administration defines as people convicted of both felonies or "aggravated felonies," without providing a more detailed breakdown.

Texas abortion law: Texas abortion providers on Friday conceded a final blow to their best hope of stopping the nation's most restrictive abortion law after a new ruling ended what little path forward the U.S. Supreme Court had left for clinics.

The decision by the Texas Supreme Court, which is entirely controlled by Republicans, spelled the coming end to a federal lawsuit that abortion clinics filed before restrictions took effect in September, but were then rejected at nearly every turn afterward.

Although Texas abortion clinics are not dropping the lawsuit, they now expect it will be dismissed.

The Texas law bans abortion after roughly six weeks and makes no exceptions in cases of rape or incest. Abortions in Texas have plummeted by more than 50% since the law took effect.

Investigations blocked: A Texas judge on Friday

blocked the state from investigating as child abuse gender confirming care for transgender vouth.

District Judge Amy Clark Meachum issued a temporary injunction preventing the state from enforcing Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's directive to compel the Department of Family and Protective Services to investigate.

The injunction broadens Meachum's earlier order blocking the state's investigation of the parents of one transgender teenager. The American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda



Remembering three disasters: People pause for a minute of silence at 2:46 p.m. Friday in Tokyo's Ginza district on the 11th anniversary of a massive earthquake and tsunami that triggered a nuclear disaster. Today, about 33,000 people are unable to return to Fukushima prefecture, where the Daiichi nuclear plant had meltdowns in three of six reactors. YUICHI YAMAZAKI/GETTY

Legal sued on behalf of the parents of the 16-year-old girl over the investigation and Abbott's directive.

The lawsuit marked the first report of parents being investigated following Abbott's directive and an earlier nonbinding legal opinion by Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton labeling certain gender-confirming treatments as "child abuse."

Christmas parade crash: A judge set an October trial date Friday for a man accused of killing six people and injuring dozens of others by driving his SUV into a Christmas parade near Milwaukee last year.

Darrell Brooks Jr. has pleaded not guilty to more than 70 charges, including six homicide counts in connection with the Nov. 21 incident in Waukesha.

Waukesha County Circuit Judge Jennifer Darow scheduled Brooks' trial to begin Oct. 3 and run through Oct. 28. Prosecutors told her they would likely need five to seven days to present their case. Brooks' attornevs said they didn't know how much time they would need.

Child abuse apology: The Northern Ireland government issued a formal apology on Friday to people who were abused in orphanages and children's homes.

Ministers from all five political parties in the Northern Ireland Assembly read out apologies to survivors at the Stormont government buildings near Belfast. Representatives of six institutions where abuse took place also publicly said sorry to those harmed.

"We neglected you, rejected you, we made you feel unwanted," said Education Minister Michelle McIlveen, from the Democratic Unionist Party. "It was not your fault."

The formal apology came more than five years after it was recommended by the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry. The yearslong inquiry found shocking levels of physical, sexual and mental abuse at institutions run by the state, churches and charities between 1922, when Northern Ireland was founded as a state, and 1995.

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box thinking that he thinks could make a real difference.

"It just shows you that on every level, we can somehow help those people who are in need, who are fighting the way, who are fighting for freedom," Stan-

Stanislavskyy was born in 1982 in Zolochiv, a small city about an hour away from Lviv, now the largest city in western Ukraine but at the time firmly under Soviet control.

He vividly remembers the day in 1991 when, sitting in a classroom that faced the town hall, he watched as the flag of the Soviet Union was lowered and replaced by that chosen for an independent Ukraine.

At 17, Stanislavskyy left his home country for Connecticut to study at St. Basil College, a seminary in Stamford for Ukrainian Catholics. "It's a country of great opportunities, and Connecticut is a state that's always busy," he said.

Though initially on his own, Stanislavskyy says he quickly built a second family among the Ukrainian community in Connecticut. It was at a Ukrainian social event that he met his wife. Olena, and the couple now lives in Stratford with their two children, 16 and 14.

Stanislavskyy works as an electric field operations



Roman and Olena Stanislavskyy, shown here at their wedding, still have many relatives living in Ukraine. COURTESY

manager for Eversource, the company he's been with for 15 years.

Despite leaving Ukraine more than two decades ago, Stanislavskyy has kept his home close to his heart. His mother splits time between Ukraine and the U.S., and keeps in touch with family and friends overseas by

phone and text.

For them, the invasion was a shock. Some have fled to Poland, but his cousin's family is staying put, not wanting to be separated.

Several of his friends, many of them Catholic bishops, live in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, and Kharkiv, the second-largest city.

Both cities have been devastated by airstrikes and shelling since Russia's invasion, which the United Nations estimates has displaced more than 2 million people. "Nobody is safe," Stanislavskyy said.

In response, the United States and European countries have levied sweeping economic sanctions in an effort to squeeze the Russian economy and put pressure on President Vladimir Putin, including an American ban on imported Russian oil.

Prior to Russia's invasion. Ukrainian-Americans organized rallies in Hartford and around the country to call attention to the imminent conflict.

In Connecticut, residents like Stanislavskyy and Deanna Humennyj, a postpartum nurse at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, have taken it upon themselves to appeal to law enforcement and medical leaders for support.

But the sanctions have also raised concerns over oil prices, with fuel prices surging to record highs and prompting calls to lower the

Stanislavskyy is sympathetic to those concerns, but asked for perspective.

"At the end of the war, politicians will get their ammo back. Rich people will invest and get their money back," Stanislavskyy said. "But Ukrainian mothers, who sent their kids to fight the war, they will be looking for the graves where their sons lie.'

"If we all stand united, we will minimize the cost the Ukrainian people are paying. We will have less people dying," he said.

How will the war play out, and how will it end? Stanislavskyy says he would ask the question a different way: "How many more innocent people will have to die?"

"We can't just be lighting up the Empire State Building, or raising the Ukranian flag at city hall. We have to act," Stanislavskyy said.

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Marijuana

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marijuana card rather than taking pills for the rest of his life, he said.

"For me to actually be a normal person like all of y'all, I need this gift," Moore said. Lou Rinaldi, another patient who advocates for

programmatic changes including the addition of a patient ombudsman, said there's an "ever-growing number" of Connecticut cannabis patients who use gifting as their primary means of obtaining their medicine.

"There's been a direct correlation between increasing patient education and rising concerns about the safety of the program's medical cannabis products," Rinaldi said.

Changes to the allowable levels of mold and yeast in medical products left patients worried about the safety of the products late last year. The state Department of Consumer Protection is in the process of officially changing regula-

D'Agostino reassured Rinaldi, Moore and other patients that the bill wasn't intended to allow the arrest of people who give marijuana to friends or family - it's targeted at retail operations, he said.

Bill language specifies that no person is allowed to gift, sell or transfer cannabis to another person in exchange for a charitable donation, as part of a giveaway, or at any location other than those authorized to sell cannabis where items other than cannabis are for sale and that requires club membership for admission.

State Rep. Vincent Candelora, the House Republican leader, spoke in support of the bill, citing a lack of regulation for gifted cannabis.

"This glaring gap in our laws was recently exploited by local groups looking to take advantage of the lack of regulatory enforcement," Candelora said in written testimony.

Several who testified also mentioned the lack of tax revenue on gifted products, a problem that Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana and an industry critic, said

is common with gifting. Consumers also often wind up overpaying for the products associated with the gifts, Sabet added.

"These policies ultimately price out legal sellers and allow the underground marijuana market to continue operating," he said in an emailed statement.

Billboard advertising

The bill also includes provisions that would outlaw billboard advertising for cannabis products, which people from the industry opposed.

Supporters, including Candelora, said the move would protect minors from exposure to cannabis adver-

State policy already includes provisions against cannabis advertising that targets minors.

Benjamin Zachs, chief operating officer for dispensary Fine Fettle, said the move would harm business

"This will stunt signifi-

cant revenue potential for

media companies and bill-

board companies that the state should want to thrive versus perish," the company's written testimony read.

Equity joint ventures

The bill also includes language that says a producer "shall commit to create two equity joint ventures to be approved by the Social Equity Council," a suggestion from the council itself.

The joint ventures are partnerships between a business entity and a licensed medical marijuana producer or medical marijuana dispensary that is at least 50% owned by a social equity applicant. Social equity status is determined by income and residency requirements.

Īt's one of several measures designed to ensure those who were disproportionately harmed by the war on drugs benefit from the emerging market.

Joint ventures aren't subject to the lottery system that most recreational licensees need to go through. Andréa Comer, deputy commissioner for the Department of Consumer Protection and a Social Equity Council member, said the intention was to cap social equity ventures at two. The change was based on feedback from the public and legislators, she added.

State Rep. Juan Candeloria, D-New Haven, questioned whether the language was sufficient to achieve its goal and ensure large multistate operators that already have several joint equity ventures don't get two additional ventures.

"A lot of the current producers and the dispensaries are out of state," Candeloria said. "Our intention was to ensure that equity applicants from our state have the opportunity to conduct cannabis businesses."

Multi-state operators have already shown interest in Connecticut's budding cannabis market.

In the fall, Verano Holdings Corp., which operates in at least 12 states, acquired Willow Brook Wellness, Caring Nature and Connecticut Pharmaceutical Solutions, Inc., one of four licensed cannabis producers in the state.

And in March, multi-state company Greenrose Acquisition Corp announced that it would acquire production facility Theraplant, in

The cap would aim to ensure Connecticut social equity applicants and businesses profit from the market.

Watertown.

Several hemp farmers also spoke to the issue, asking that they be allowed to participate in the recreational market.

With the current law as it stands, more than 99% of all recreational marijuana in the state of Connecticut will eventually be produced by large Multi-State Operators who are headquartered in other locations," said Brant Smith, of Hemp House Farms in Cheshire. "The farming community of Connecticut; who live, work, and pay taxes here, will be effectively shut out of this new industry."

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WAR IN UKRAINE

US, Russia spar over Ukrainian labs

Moscow's allegations called a pretense to use banned weapons

By Edith M. Lederer Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS -The United States accused Russia of using a U.N. Security Council meeting Friday for "lying and spreading disinformation" as part of a potential false-flag operation by Moscow for the use of chemical or biological agents in Ukraine.

U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said Russia was playing out a scenario put forth in the council last month by Secretary of State Antony Blinken — that Russian President Vladimir Putin would "fabricate allegations about chemical or biological weapons to justify its own violent attacks against the

Ukrainian people."
"The intent behind these lies seems clear, and is deeply troubling," she said. "We believe Russia could use chemical or biological agents for assassinations, as part of a staged or false-flag incident, or to support tactical military operations."

The United States has warned about such Russian operations in conjunction with an invasion, which began Feb. 24.

Russia had requested the meeting to address its allegations of U.S. "biological activities" in Ukraine – a charge made without any evidence and denied by both Washington and Kyiv.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said its Defense Ministry had documents charging that Ukraine



A shell fired by a Russian tank explodes in an apartment building on Friday in Mariupol, Ukraine. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

has at least 30 biological laboratories carrying out "very dangerous biological experiments" involving pathogens, and its work "is being done and funded and supervised by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency of the United States."

Ukraine does have a network of biological labs that have gotten funding and research support from the U.S. — but they are owned and operated by Ukraine and are part of an initiative called the Biological Threat Reduction Program that aims to reduce the likelihood of deadly outbreaks, whether natural or man-made. The U.S. efforts date back to work in the 1990s to dismantle the former Soviet Union's program for weapons of mass destruction.

"The labs are not secret," said Filippa Lentzos, a senior lecturer in science and international security at King's College London, in an email to The Associated Press. "They are not being used in relation to bioweapons. This is all disinformation."

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Barbara Woodward. called the allegations "utter nonsense" and said "Russia is sinking to new depths today, but the council must not get dragged down with

U.N. disarmament chief Izumi Nakamitsu told the council she was aware of media reports about the allegations of and said: "The United Nations is not aware of any biological weapons programs."

Thomas-Greenfield also denied that Ukraine has a biological weapons program or biological weapons labs as Russia claimed, saying the public health laboratory facilities are used to detect and diagnose diseases like COVID-19, with U.S. help. Thomas-Greenfield said

that ever since Russia began building up forces near Ukraine's borders, Washington's strategy has been to counter Moscow' tactics and share what it knows with the world.

"We're not going to let Russia get away with lying to the world or staining the integrity of the Security Council by using it as a venue for legitimizing Putin's violence." she said.

"We do not sit in this chamber to be an audience for Russia's domestic propaganda," Thomas-Greenfield added. "And we should not allow Russia to abuse its permanent seat to spread disinformation and lies and pervert the purpose of the Security Council."

She also accused Russia's ally, China, of "spreading disinformation in support of Russia's outrageous claims." China's U.N. Ambassador Zhang Jun expressed concern at Russia's accusations and urged an investigation to "provide a comprehensive clarification and accept a multilateral verification.'

Britain's Woodward said the Security Council must not be "an audience for Russia's domestic propaganda" and must remain focused on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The U.N. human rights office, meanwhile, has received "credible reports" that Russian forces are using cluster munitions in Ukraine, including in populated areas which is prohibited under international humanitarian law. Undersecretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo told the Security Council, adding that their use may amount to "war crimes."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also denied Russia's accusation, saying the accusation itself was a bad sign.

"That worries me very much because we have often been convinced that if you want to know Russia's plans, they are what Russia accuses others of," he said late Thursday. "No chemical or any other weapon of mass destruction has been developed on my land. The whole world knows this."

Warsaw overwhelmed by refugees from Ukraine

More than 1.5M fleeing war have entered Poland

By Vanessa Gera **Associated Press**

WARSAW. Poland Warsaw's mayor is appealing for international help as the city becomes overwhelmed by refugees, with more than a tenth of all those fleeing the war in Ukraine arriving in the Polish capital.

Some seek to wait out the war or settle in the city, while others merely use Warsaw as a transit point to head farther west, turning its train stations into crowded hubs where people are camping out on floors.

We are dealing with the greatest migration crisis in the history of Europe since World War II. ... The situation is getting more and more difficult every day," Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski said, adding that "the greatest challenge is still ahead of

The welcome Warsaw has given Ukrainians as the neighboring nation struggles to resist Russia's invasion is wholehearted. Across the city, people have mobilized to help. They are taking Ukrainians into their homes, gathering donations and volunteering at reception centers. City monuments and buses fly Ukraine's blueand-yellow flag in solidarity.

But the challenge is enormous. Much of the burden so far is being carried by volunteers taking time off work, a situation not sustainable in the long run.

Trzaskowski noted on Friday that child psychologists, in one example, had been volunteering to help refugees but soon will need to return to their jobs.

Housing is also a growing problem. When the war began, 95% of Ukrainians arriving in Warsaw were people who already had friends or family here and were taken in by them. Today that group is 70% of the new arrivals meaning that 30% of them "need a roof over their heads" and other support, the mayor said Friday.

The decline in the city's ability to absorb a massive number of new arrivals comes as the people fleeing war are those who have witnessed greater trauma than those who arrived earlier, or who are more vulnerable.

Late Thursday, 15 disabled Ukrainian children arrived at the Medyka border crossing in Poland, and were put on a special makeshift medical train taking them to various hospitals in the country.

Dr. Dominik Daszuta, an anesthesiologist at Central Medical hospital MSWIA in Warsaw, described how the medical train was outfitted with intensive care capabilities. He spoke as medical staff lifted children in their strollers onto the train bound for Gdynia.

"At the beginning the people who came here were running away in panic from the war they saw in the media and that they heard about. Now we find there are people escaping from bombs," said Dorota Zawadzka, a child psychologist volunteering at a center for refugees set up in the Torwar sports center.

"This is a completely different kind of refugee. They are afraid of everything. They sit in their jackets. Children are scared, they don't want to play, their mothers have such empty

Lena Nagirnyak, a 35year-old from Kyiv, found shelter at Torwar with her children after initially hoping to stay in Ukraine. They fled on foot from Bucha to Irpin after hearing a bomber flying low.

"The next day, the street we were walking on was bombed. If we had left a day



Refugees from Ukraine seek shelter in a sports center Friday in Warsaw, Poland. More than a tenth of all those fleeing the war have arrived in the Polish capital. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

later, we might have died,"

The war has forced 2.5 million to flee, according to the International Organization for Migration on Friday, and more than half of those go to Poland. As of Friday more than 1.5 million refugees had entered Poland, according to the country's

Border Guard agency. Trzaskowski said over 320,000 have traveled through Warsaw since the start of the war and 230,000 people were staying in the city of more than 1.7 million.

Other parts of the region

are also under strain. Even the Czech Republic, which does not border Ukraine directly, has an estimated 200,000 refugees, many in Prague. As the capital runs out of housing options, city hall has begun preparing temporary accommodation.

"The demand for accommodation in Prague is enormous and by far surpasses what we can offer," Prague Mayor Zdenek Hrib said.

Meanwhile, the national government appealed to Czech citizens to house refugees in their own homes, promising that it would find a way to compensate them. Poland has already taken a similar step, with the parlia-

ment approving a law offering people \$9.20 per day for each refugee they give shelter to. It's part of a new legislative package that also offers some financial help and health insurance to the Ukrainians.

In Germany, the influx so far has been concentrated in the capital, Berlin, which is about an hour from the western Polish border and the main destination for trains and buses from

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"Successful conclusion

Iran nuclear talks go on 'pause' after Russia demands sanctions relief

By Jon Gambrell Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Negotiations aimed at restoring Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers went on what its European hosts described as "a pause" on Friday, after Russia demanded relief from sanctions targeting Moscow

over its war on Ukraine. Diplomats offered no timetable for when the monthslong talks in Vienna would resume. Negotiators

on Friday maintained that a road map was near for how the United States could rejoin the accord it unilaterally withdrew from in 2018, and for Iran to again limit its rapidly advancing nuclear program.

While Josep Borrell, the European Union's foreign policy chief, only referred to "external factors" forcing the pausing, it appeared the Russian demand caused the disruption.

"The real issue for this pause here is what Russia has thrown on the table, which is essentially a grenade in the middle of the negotiations," said Henry Rome, deputy head of research at the Eurasia Group who has been following the talks.

Last week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said he wanted "guarantees at least at the level of the secretary of state" that the U.S. sanctions would not affect Moscow's relationship with Tehran. While American officials

sought to describe the demand as not related to the Vienna talks, matters swiftly stalled Friday with a tweet from Borrell.

"A pause in #ViennaTalks is needed, due to external factors. A final text is essentially ready and on the table," Borrell wrote. "As coordinator, I will, with my team, continue to be in touch with all #JCPOA participants and the U.S. to overcome the current situation and to close the agreement."

The JCPOA, or the Joint

Comprehensive Plan of Action, is the formal name of the 2015 deal that saw Iran limit its uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanc-

EU negotiator Enrique Mora met Friday with Iranian officials before telling journalists that "we are almost there" with the talks. "Almost everything is

done," Mora said. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Saeed Khatibzadeh said the pause "could

Twitter. "No external factor will affect our joint will to go forward for a collective agreement."

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WORLD & NATION

Many teachers stay put — for now

Exodus of educators yet to happen, but concerns still persist

By Matt Barnum Associated Press

Teachers have been working longer hours. They're more stressed out. And many say they've considered quitting. Yet the vast majority of teachers have stayed in the profession throughout the pandemic, according to a Chalkbeat analysis of the latest data from a number of states and large school

Teacher resignation rates actually dipped after COVID-19 first hit schools. As this school year approached, the data shows, departures generally returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Together, the numbers indicate that a feared teacher exodus has not yet come to pass — although concerning signs about the health of the profession

"I still worry," said Gema Zamarro, a researcher at the University of Arkansas who has studied teacher turnover. "Teachers are stressed and burned out. Even if they don't leave, that could be bad."

Comprehensive national data on teacher turnover is not available. The federal government does not keep annual records, and neither do some states, including California. Others, like Texas, release data on a yearlong lag.

But data obtained from five states and 19 large U.S. school districts, including New York City and Houston, shows that turnover going into this school year was comparable to rates before the pandemic.

In Maryland, teacher attrition hovered between 9% and 10% from 2011 to 2019. In 2020, it fell to 7.3%, but it ticked back up to 9.3% ahead of this school year, according to data provided



Kathleen Sannicks-Lerner, a veteran elementary school teacher in Philadelphia, is currently on sabbatical. MATT ROURKE/AP

by state officials.

"Our retention rates overall are holding steady," said Mohammed Choudhury, Maryland's state superintendent. "It is not some kind of broad-stroke, red-alert type of concern."

Elsewhere, turnover was a bit higher than usual but still near rates before the pandemic.

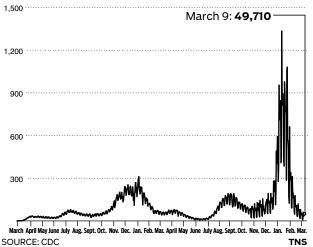
In Washington state, 9.2% of teachers left teaching in public schools in the typical year before the pandemic. In 2021, that rose to 10%, according to a new analysis of state data. Recent turnover figures

were also comparable to pre-pandemic numbers in Hawaii, Massachusetts and South Carolina. That was true of a number of large school districts, too, including Dallas, Houston, and Clark County, Nevada – home to Las Vegas - though Detroit and Chicago saw bigger increases.

In New York City, about 6% of teachers left the district in each of the three years before the pandemic.

COVID-19 cases in the US

New cases per day, scale in thousands



After the pandemic hit, turnover fell, then rebounded to 5.8% in 2021.

In Philadelphia schools, the teacher turnover rate was 9.3% in 2021, up from 2020 but slightly lower than it was in 2019.

"2021 – it doesn't look worse than before the pandemic. If anything, it looks like other years," said Zamarro, who reviewed the data compiled by Chalkbeat. Survey data shows more

teachers have considered leaving the classroom during the pandemic than before it began. One poll by the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union, found that more than half of its members said the pandemic made it more likely they would leave the profession

Tom Keiser, a middle school math teacher in Missoula, Montana, is among the teachers who have pondered quitting. He's been concerned about the bitter debates locally about masks and the rise of laws restricting teaching about racism.

Keiser even consulted with friends who had left teaching and briefly scanned a job-search website. Ultimately, he decided to stay.

"What would I do? How the heck would I even figure out what that is?" he said. "I've worked 12 years to try

to get better at this job." Like Keiser, most teachers who ponder leaving end up staying put, since doing so midcareer often means entering a new field and giving up retirement benefits. One recent study, using data before the pandemic, found that only about a third of teachers who said in a survey that they "definitely plan to leave teaching as soon as possible" actually left the following school

The economy also plays a part in whether teachers

Across 14 states, teacher turnover fell by a percentage point in 2020, according to a new study. "This likely reflects teachers hunkering down after the 2019-2020 school year in the midst of the uncertainty of a pandemic," wrote the researchers who studied turnover in Washington

The economic and pandemic conditions have changed, though, and it's not clear what that will mean for turnover moving forward.

For Kathleen Sannicks-Lerner, a veteran elementary school teacher in Philadelphia, this school year proved so taxing that she went on sabbatical in January. It was challenging to make sure students kept their masks on, to fill in when substitutes didn't show up, and to work in a school with low morale and limited resources.

"It's just been very, very difficult to do the work that we are required to do without the support and the tools $\,$ that we need," she said. "I was done."

Even small increases in turnover could be worrying. Research has linked teacher churn to lower test scores, particularly if it happens in the middle of the school vear, and high-poverty schools tend to see higher quit rates.

Regardless of whether teachers decide to leave, their heightened stress still matters — for them, their schools and the future of the profession. Interest in teaching among high school and college students has been declining for years, and dissatisfied current teachers could dissuade would-be educators.

Choudhury, of Maryland, said the state has recently run an ad campaign trying to persuade high school students to pursue teaching. "Not a lot are biting," he



Ukrainian war zone over several NATO countries before going down. DARKO BANDIC/AP

Drone flying from Ukrainian war zone crashes in Croatia

By Darko Bandic Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia - A drone that flew over several NATO countries all the way from the Ukrainian war zone crashed overnight on the outskirts of the Croatian capital, Zagreb, triggering a loud blast and damaging parked cars but causing no injuries, authorities said Friday.

A NATO official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the alliance's "integrated air and missile defense tracked the flight path of an object which subsequently crashed in

Earlier, Croatian President Zoran Milanovic had expressed concern at "how a relatively unsophisticated drone flew for over an hour over NATO countries without being detected."

Milanovic said "it is clear" it came from Ukraine. A statement issued by Croatia's government said the "pilotless military aircraft" entered Croatian airspace from neighboring Hungary at a speed of 430 mph and an altitude of 4.300 feet.

"According to information I have so far, this flying object was Russian-manufactured, we are not sure whether it belongs to the Russian or Ukrainian army," Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said. "(It) arrived in Croatia from the direction of Hungary, and according to (Hungarian) Prime Minister (Viktor) Orban, it arrived to Hungary from the direction of Roma-

The government said a criminal investigation will be launched and NATO was informed. The crash means that the large drone flew for at least 350 miles over Croatia, Hungary and Romania, all NATO members.

Military experts of The War Zone online magazine said the aircraft is likely a Soviet-era Tu-141 "Strizh" reconnaissance drone that must have severely malfunctioned. It said Ukraine is the only known current operator of the Tu-141, which has a wingspan of nearly 12 feet and weighs just over 6 tons.

Ukrainian defense ministry adviser Markian Lubkivskiy was quoted by Interfax news agency as denying the drone was Ukrainian. He blamed

"This drone did not have Ukrainian markings," he was quoted as saying. "There were red stars on it" – a symbol of the Russian military.

The Russian Embassy in Zagreb said that the drone was made in Ukraine and that the Russian forces stopped using Tu-141s since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Croatian President Milanovic said the drone crashed in Zagreb after running out of fuel.

The Croatian defense minister and the army chief of staff both described the incident as "serious," but said more details will be revealed after the ongoing investigation.

The two officials said at a news conference that Croatia responded last night with the closure of its airspace. They said they have been in contact with neighboring countries and NATO, and refused to reveal whose drone it was.

"We can't say at this moment whose it was. Those are relatively old-era flying objects that were used in the Soviet Union," said Chief of Staff Adm. Robert Hrani.

After 1 year, Biden's big relief plan receives mixed reviews

By Chris Megerian and Zeke Miller

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - It's not often that a president gets everything he asks for, but that's what happened.

President Joe Biden wanted \$1.9 trillion to help the country climb out of the coronavirus crisis last year, and Democrats in Congress delivered.

The American Rescue Plan was stuffed with rental assistance, tax rebates, direct payments and money to distribute vaccines that had just become available. Less than two months after Biden took office, it was a hopeful sign that he could fulfill his campaign promise to get Washington working

again. "Thank God you did it," Biden told House Democrats during a caucus retreat Friday in Philadelphia. "Few pieces of legislation, no hyperbole, in American history have done more to lift this country out of a

crisis than what you did." But the legislation's legacy is more complicated than it originally appeared. Depending on who's telling the story, it's either Biden's first success or a trap that he set for himself.

It may well prove to have been a bit of both.

Friday was the anniversary of Biden's signing of the American Rescue Plan, and the second anniversary of the World Health Organization's declaration that the coronavirus had become a pandemic. Looking back, administration officials defend the relief package as a necessary step to insulate the economy and promote a national rebound, and they point to historically low unemployment now as proof of their success.

"Looking at how resilient and equitable the recovery has been in the face of delta, omicron and now military conflict in Europe, that strategy already looks wise,"



Two months after being inaugurated, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion relief package to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

said Gene Sperling, a Biden adviser tapped to oversee the legislation's implemen-

A fraction of the bill's spending was devoted to directly combating the pandemic, including purchasing shots and treatments, supporting testing and vaccination sites, and treating those infected with the virus that has killed nearly 970,000 in the U.S.

The rest was intended to backstop state and local governments, ease the pain of job losses and pump money into American pocketbooks.

Critics say the latter set of policies has driven up prices by fueling consumer demand at a time when supply chains couldn't keep up, sapping momentum from Democratic efforts to enact generational changes including financial incentives for fighting climate change.

"The gamble was it would create a success that would make people want to do more," said Jason Furman, a Harvard professor and former top economic adviser to President Barack Obama. "But it contributed to inflation that made people want to do less."

Inflation hit 7.9% over the last 12 months, the highest in four decades, and Furman estimated that the rescue plan was responsible for about 2.5 percentage points. Michael Strain, director of economic policy studies at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, pegs the figure at 3 percentage points.

Administration officials point to a study from the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank that said the rescue plan contributed to less than 1 percentage point of the increase.

"The stark reality is that there are higher prices and supply chain shocks in virtually every major economy in the world," Sperling said.

However, inflation was paramount when Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., killed Democratic dreams of using their unified control of Washington to greatly expand the social safety net. Biden's arguments that his agenda, known as "Build Back Better," would limit rather than increase prices did not stick.

Emilie Simons, a spokeswoman for the White House, said the president "continues to work with Congress on his agenda to lower kitchen-table costs for American families by addressing prescription drug prices, child care, energy costs and more."

US slashes trade status with Russia over invasion

'Most favored nation' revocation includes import ban of alcohol, diamonds

By Josh Boak, Chris Megerian and Zeke Miller

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Friday the U.S. will dramatically downgrade its trade status with Russia as punishment for its invasion of Ukraine and also ban imports of Russian seafood, alcohol and diamonds.

The broad trade shift, which revokes the "most favored nation" status for Russia, is being taken in coordination with the European Union and Group of Seven countries.

"The free world is coming together to confront Putin," Biden said from the Roosevelt Room of the White House. He also said countries were adding new names to a list of Russian oligarchs who are facing sanctions, and the U.S. is cutting the flow of high-end American products such as expensive watches cars and elething.

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"We're banning the export of luxury goods to Russia," he said.

Biden said there would be further retaliation if Ukraine is targeted with chemical

weapons, a possibility that administration officials have warned about in recent days.

"Russia would pay a severe price if they used chemical weapons," he said.

Stripping most favored nation status from Russia would allow the U.S. and allies to impose higher tariffs on some Russian imports, increasing the isolation of the Russian economy.

The change on Russia's trade staus comes days after the president moved to ban imports of Russian oil and gas products. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said lawmakers would pass legislation to formalize the trade downgrade.

This week's moves are the latest in a series of sanctions aimed at crippling the Russian economy and a sign that the U.S. and its allies will continue to use their financial heft to retaliate against Russian President Vladimir Putin. The other measures include the freezing of central bank assets, limits on exports and sanctions against Russian oligarchs and their families. These financial tools have led to the Russian ruble losing 76% of its value against

the U.S. dollar over the past month, which has caused destructive inflation that could erode Putin's ability to wage a prolonged war in Ukraine.

Most favored nation status has been a baseline for global trade, ensuring that countries within the World Trade Organization are treated similarly. Some countries in the WTO have special privileges due to their status as developing economies. Russia would join the ranks of Cuba and North Korea by not having MFN status from the U.S.

The revocation carries mostly symbolic weight. The earlier sanctions on imports of Russian oil, gas and coal already cut off about 60% of U.S. imports from the country, and the new import bans announced Friday add up to only about \$1 billion in revenue, according to White House figures.

Russia provided less than 1% of U.S. vodka imports in December, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, and less than 2% of U.S. seafood imports by volume, according to federal statistics.



A person walks near a closed barber shop in Cleveland soon after the coronavirus pandemic took hold in the U.S. TONY DEJAK/AP 2020

Was the PPP plan worth it?

Two years after \$800B federal payroll program's debut during the pandemic, results are mixed

By Josh Boak Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump rolled out the Paycheck Protection Program to catapult the U.S. economy into a quick recovery from the coronavirus pandemic by helping small businesses. President Joe Biden tweaked it to try to direct more of the money to poorer communities and minority-owned companies.

Almost two years later, the question is what taxpayers got for the \$800 billion. The Biden administration says its version of the program helped prevent racial inequality from worsening, while a prominent academic study suggests the overall price tag was high per job saved and most of the benefits accrued to the affluent.

Nearly a year after the implementation of its \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, the Biden administration is arguing that it made critical adjustments to the forgivable loan program, pointing to internal figures showing that more benefits went to poorer communities, racial minorities and businesses in which the owner is the

sole employee.

However, an outside study suggests that the program — commonly known as PPP — was troublingly expensive per job saved and the payments mostly benefited business owners who were best prepared to weather the pandemic. On the whole, the study implies that just 23% to 34% of PPP dollars went to workers who would have lost jobs, at a cost of as much as \$258,000 per job retained

per job retained.

Across two presidencies, Congress approved an unprecedented \$5.8 trillion in relief spending that included new interventions such as forgivable loans, direct payments and an expanded child tax credit that was deposited into people's bank

accounts monthly.

When MIT economist David Autor analyzed PPP with other economists, he saw a tool that was too blunt. The U.S. never developed the data systems to monitor what was happening to individual businesses' payrolls, unlike in Canada, the Scandinavian region, Portugal and Brazil. Those systems would have made it easier to allocate money based on genuine need during a downturn. The U.S. failed to invest in its own data resources and could not target the aid as a result.

"The U.S. has instead 'starved the beast,'" Autor said. "The result is not less govern-

ment. It's simply less effective government."

When the Trump administration unveiled PPP in 2020, the full impacts from the pandemic were just beginning to be felt in the economy. There was a race to get money out as quickly as possible because of how unpredictable the situation was, so the loans went through major banks that often had existing relationships with eligible businesses for the sake of expediency.

The need for speed also made it harder for historically disadvantaged groups to access the money. That's why the Biden administration changed the guidelines and rules.

As a result of the changes, PPP issued about 2 million loans last year to businesses in low- to moderate-income communities, a 67% increase from a year earlier, according to figures from provided by administration officials. There were 6 million businesses with fewer than 20 employees that got loans, a 35% increase from the program during the Trump administration.

Still, the analysis by Autor and other economists says the distributions during the Biden administration "had no discernable effect on employment." That's likely because the job market began to recover in May 2020 despite waves of infections that slowed momentum. With fewer jobs at risk, there were fewer jobs to save.

Congress OKs cyber incident report bill

By Alan Suderman and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Companies crucial to U.S. national interests will now have to report when they're hacked or they pay ransomware, according to new rules approved by Congress.

The rules are part of a broader effort by the Biden administration and Congress to shore up the nation's cyberdefenses after a series of high-profile digital espionage campaigns and disruptive ransomware attacks. The reporting will give the federal government much greater visibility into hacking efforts that target private companies, which often have skipped going to the FBI or other agencies for help.

"It's clear we must take bold action to improve our online defenses," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., who leads the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and wrote the legislation.

The reporting requirement legislation was approved by the House and the Senate on Thursday and is expected to be signed into law by President Joe Biden soon. It requires any entity that's considered part of the nation's crucial infrastructure, which includes the finance, transportation and energy sectors, to report any "substantial cyber incident" to the government within three days and any ransomware payment made within 24 hours.

Ransomware attacks, in which criminals hack targets and hold their data hostage through encryption until ransoms have been paid, have flourished in recent years. Attacks last year on the world's largest meat-packing company and the biggest U.S. fuel pipeline — which led to days of gas station shortages on the East Coast — have underscored how extortionist hackers can disrupt the economy and put lives and livelihoods at risk.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

EU to phase out Russian energy

VERSAILLES, France — European Union leaders on Friday agreed to phase out dependency on Russian gas, oil and coal imports "as soon as possible" and decided to draw up a plan soon to support the continent's economies as they face skyrocketing energy prices amid a crisis aggravated by the war in Ukraine.

Heads of state and government, who gathered at the Versailles palace, west of Paris, said in a statement that the strategy will involve accelerating the reduction of an overall reliance on fossil fuels, diversifying supplies and routes for gas and oil, and speeding up the development of renewable energy. They asked the EU's executive arm, the European Commission, to make proposals by the end of May.

Toyota to scale back production

TOKYO — Japan's top automaker Toyota will scale back domestic production over the next three months because of a supply crunch in chips and other parts that have slammed the global auto industry.

Toyota Motor Corp. will cut back vehicle production in Japan by about 20% in April, by 10% in May, and 5% in June, compared to what was planned, spokeswoman Shiori Hashimoto said Friday.

Under a "recovery plan," Toyota had raised production targets starting in April to catch up on lost production caused by parts shortages related to the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

Automakers worldwide have been hit hard by delays from suppliers as regions observed lockdowns and other restrictions.

Justice Dept. taps pandemic fraud prosecutor

By Jennifer McDermott Associated Press

The Justice Department has named a chief prosecutor for pandemic fraud, following through on President Joe Biden's State of the Union promise to go after criminals who stole billions in relief money.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said Kevin Chambers, an associate deputy attorney general, will lead criminal and civil enforcement efforts targeting pandemic-related fraud. Monaco on Thursday convened the department's COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement Task Force, which includes nearly 30 agencies that administer and oversee pandemic relief funding.

The Justice Department has already

taken enforcement actions related to more than \$8 billion in suspected pandemic fraud, Monaco and Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday. That includes bringing charges in more than 1,000 criminal cases involving losses in excess of \$1.1 billion, opening civil cases against over 1,800 individuals and businesses for alleged fraud involving more than \$6 billion in loans, and seizing more than \$1.2 billion in relief funds.

Garland said they know their work is not done and the department remains committed to using every criminal, civil and administrative action available to combat and prevent pandemic fraud. Monaco added that the crimes are not victimless, that "every stolen dollar is taken from somebody

who needed it." Biden said in

Biden said in his March 1 address that the Trump administration "undermined the watchdogs whose job was to keep pandemic relief funds from being wasted." He announced the chief prosecutor position, saying he has welcomed the watchdogs back.

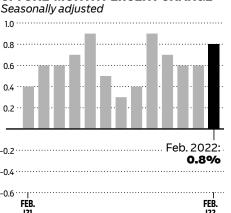
The COVID-19 relief programs were set up to help small businesses and millions of people who lost jobs due to the pandemic. About \$5 trillion in spending was approved. The Secret Service said in December that potential fraudulent activity was nearing \$100 billion. Most of it came from unemployment fraud. That figure was based on reports from the Labor Department and the Small Business Administration.

Consumer Price Index

In February, the consumer price index increased 0.8 percent.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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BUSINESS



Some social media users believe that the Biden administration is behind the recent surge in U.S. gas prices. Above, a gas station on Tuesday in West Hollywood, California. JAEC. HONG/AP

Surge in fuel prices leads to conspiracy theories over EVs

By Amanda Seitz Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Some social media users suggest that soaring fuel prices in the U.S. aren't the result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, increased consumption or supply chain issues as daily life resumes after two years of stagnation brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the flurry of Facebook and Twitter posts offer, without evidence. that a nefarious scheme is underway: President Joe Biden's administration is intentionally driving up the price of gas to get more American drivers behind the wheel of an electric car.

'\$6.00 a gallon gas is how you get people to buy electric cars," claims one popular meme, shared thousands of times across Facebook and Instagram since Tues-

The newest internet fabrication shows that Americans' obsession with conspiracy theories continues to play an outsize role in how they interpret political decision-making, even during times of war.

"At this point, conspiracy theories have become so

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ingrained in people's psyche and because of social media, they spread like wildfire," said Mia Bloom, a Georgia State University professor and author. "If it's not this conspiracy theory this week, it'll be another one next week."

The conspiracy theoryladen memes, Twitter posts and videos began swirling as the average price of regular gas broke \$4 a gallon for the first time in nearly 14 years. The output of posts increased Tuesday after Biden announced a ban on Russian oil imports, a move he warned would almost certainly drive up U.S. gas prices further but would deal a "blow" to Russian President Vladimir Putin's offensive in Ukraine.

The claims about electric vehicles echo the core themes at the center of several conspiracy theories peddled at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic by followers of QAnon, a conspiracy theory that cast then-President Donald Trump as a hero fighting a cabal of elites who operate child sex trafficking rings. Many QAnon social media accounts pushed false conspiracy theories that

the government would try to microchip people with a vaccine or that a coin shortage during the pandemic was a plot to push Americans into a cashless society that would be easier for the federal government to control.

The electric vehicle appears to be the latest reiteration of those conspiracy

Some social media posts have suggested that the government wants to push people to use electric vehicles so they can shut down a driver's car at will.

"I don't know who needs to hear this, but high gas prices will push more people to electric cars that can be frozen just like your bank account," one false post circulating across social media platforms claims.

Electric vehicles work similarly to gas-powered ones and the government cannot shut down individual vehicles at will. With electric cars, drivers can use public or at-home, private charging stations. In fact, 80% of electric vehicle charging is done from a driver's home, according to the Energy Department.

Financial pariah? Bank loans \$100M to Trump's company

By Bernard Condon Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bank's decision to loan Donald Trump's company \$100 million is the latest evidence the former president might survive fraud investigations and a business-world backlash over his efforts to stay in office after losing the 2020 election.

San Diego-based Axos Bank finalized the loan with the Trump Organization on Feb. 17, according to documents filed with the city Tuesday.

That's three days after public revelations that the Republican's longtime accountants had disavowed a decade's worth of his financial statements amid allegations by New York's attorney general that they had exaggerated his wealth.

The Axos loan is being used to pay back an old loan backed by commercial space at Trump Tower that was coming due in September.

A year ago, it looked possible that Trump might become a pariah after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to stop a vote certifying President Joe Biden's election win. Banks, insurers and other business partners all cut ties following the riot.

Last year, the Trump Organization was indicted in New York on charges it helped executives evade taxes. And for two years, the company has been the subject of civil and criminal investigations by New York Attorney General Letitia James and the Manhattan district attorney

But in the fall, Trump struck a deal to sell his Washington hotel for far more than expected. And a partnership he's involved with that owns two office towers recently took out new loans for far more than needed to pay off old ones coming due.

"He bounces back," says Barbara Res, a former



Donald Trump's company has secured a \$100 million loan from a California bank to pay back an old loan backed by commercial space at Trump Tower. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP 2021

Trump Organization executive who is not a fan and even urged people not to vote for him.

"If a guy brings me a property with good cash flow, a good location and good tenants, why do I care what his politics are?" says Mike Offit, a former Deutsche Bank lender to Trump who now consults on real estate finance. "Trump has good buildings and manages them well.'

The Trump Organization declined to disclose the interest rate on the new loan and other terms. Axos, citing customer privacy rules, would not comment.

Asked for comment for this story, one of Trump's sons lashed out at journalists for depicting the family company as struggling.

"We should have never been underestimated," Eric Trump said in an emailed statement.

Assessing the Trump Organization's overall financial health is challenging, given that it is a private company that releases few figures publicly.

During his presidency, Trump's name was stripped off hotels and residential towers in several cities. His Scottish golf course lost millions, and condos in his apartment buildings have been selling at deep discounts.

Coronavirus shutdowns added to the trouble. Revenue at the company's biggest golf property, the Doral outside of Miami, plunged \$33 million in the two years through 2021, down 44%, according to financial records obtained by a government ethics agency.

Then came the riot and a rush to exits as Trump's longtime commercial office broker, his two biggest lenders, and others cut ties.

Trump's company still has other loans to refinance, including a \$125 million one involving Doral, due next

More than a dozen hotel brokers and experts who talked to The Associated Press in recent months had estimated Trump was unlikely to make money off a sale of his long-term lease of the Old Post Office building, a federal property he started turning into a hotel nearly a decade ago.

But a Miami firm joined with former MLB star Alex Rodriguez to offer \$375 million for the moneylosing property. The deal still needs to be approved by a federal agency overseeing the building.

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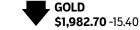
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Has Sen. Blumenthal accomplished anything?

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., shows up on TV at just about every significant news event that happens in or relates to Connecticut. It seems that all he wants to do is throw money at potential solutions to issues or feel it necessary to have new laws. I'd like to know what has he really accomplished in his two terms as a senator.

Joseph Vivirito, Colchester

Biden, not Putin, responsible for energy woes

So how is the current Biden administration's war on hydrocarbons working out for you? Gas and other energy prices are surging and inflation is eating away at our savings. You have to cast your eyes aside when you fill your home heating oil or vehicle's tank. The political spin is to blame Putin's war on the Ukraine. How convenient. The real problem is that we don't have an adequate self-sufficient energy capacity and little world-supply burbles create big price changes with significant downstream consequences. The current administration makes no secret of its desire to reduce our reliance on hvdrocarbons but that is happening before we have adequate alternate self-sufficient energy resources in place. It has canceled pipelines, restricted drilling, stopped leasing on federal lands and thrown up regulatory roadblocks before we have adequate alternatives energy resources available. But they want you to ignore that and blame Putin.

The consequences of a wellthought-out plan is becoming clear with pain at the pump. Simple math says that we need our own energy independence from all available resources

Donald E. Lewis, Manchester

Time to revoke **Russia's Security** Council veto power

The purpose of creating the United Nations after World War II included the goal of maintaining peace and security. Five nations - United States, United Kingdom, China, France and $Russia-were\ given\ permanent$ seats on the Security Council, each having veto power over any "substantive" resolutions. Russia vetoed a resolution for Russia to stop its aggression in Ukraine.

An appropriate action for Vladimir Putin's initiative of attacking Ukraine would be for the United Nations to revoke Russia's Security Council veto power. No nation that starts a war should have this power.

Avi Ornstein, New Britain

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OP-ED

Honor my late wife by passing aid-in-dying bill

By Joy Cipollo

Kim Hoffman, who advocated very publicly and relentlessly for passing medical aid-in-dying legislation in Connecticut for the past two years, was my wife.

She passed away on Jan. 18 without the option to peacefully end what was unbearable suffering, and I want to share her story and continue her advocacy.

Kim was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2013, and she fought mightily for nine years to survive it. But in November, her worst fears were realized when two oncologists informed us that the cancer had spread throughout her body, even to her brain, and there was nothing more they could do for her.

From that day forward Kim's health declined as the cancer advanced and the pain increased. She would wake at 3 a.m. every morning, writhing and crying in pain. She lost motor skills to the point that she could no longer answer her phone or hold a spoon to feed

Kim had the very best hospice care, for which we were both grateful. But it wasn't enough.

When she was awake, Kim was agitated, angry and very weak. Three times, I called the paramedics to help get her into her hospital bed after falling while trying to get to the commode.

When I didn't think it could get much worse, it did. The pain got so bad that we set an alarm for every three, four and six hours to make sure she was getting all of the medications possible to keep her somewhat



Joy Cipollo, left, and her now late wife Kim Hoffman. COURTESY

comfortable. The pain was so bad that it broke through long-acting, 12-hour doses of morphine.

Kim was an athlete, strong in every way other than the cancer. The hospice nurses would say, "She's young and her vitals are strong; she may linger longer than most." And she did.

This is not how Kim wanted to die. She fought so hard to have the option to get a medical prescription to gently end her suffering on her terms, and not put herself through the trauma.

A few weeks before she died, I

was helping Kim get onto the commode, when she whispered faintly in my ear, "So, I'm never going to be able to take a shower again?" I nearly fell apart when I had to say to her, "No, honey. I don't think so." She responded, "I wish we'd moved to Maine."

Maine, New Jersey and Vermont are three states in the region where medical aid in dying is authorized. We absolutely considered moving to Maine, New Jersey or Vermont, but Kim said she was so dedicated to getting legislation passed in Connecticut that she

felt she would be abandoning the people of Connecticut if she moved.

In the last months of life, Kim reached out to many opponents to try to bridge the understanding gap. In a conversation that left her sputtering with anger, a disability advocate suggested Kim didn't need the authority of a state law, she could simply overdose on all of her medication. In effect, the advocate who opposed what she called "assisted suicide," suggested that my wife do just that.

By contrast, Kim told opponents that medical aid in dying offered her a safe choice. Nobody is required to utilize it, but it offered her the peace of mind to leave the world as she

In the most unkind of coincidences, Kim's father, Herb Hoffman, was diagnosed with terminal gastric cancer last August, while he was living here in Connecticut to be closer to us. He moved to California the week after Kim passed, and after going through the rigorous process there, utilized medical aid in dying on March 4.

To the members of the General Assembly now considering Senate Bill 88, a bill that would allow terminally ill, mentally capable adults to get a prescription to end unbearable suffering, I ask you to not abandon the people of Connecticut. Have the compassion and empathy to allow people like Kim to have this peaceful dying option at the end of their lives, as her father did in California.

Joy Cipollo lives in Glastonbury.

OP-ED

Data can help address food insecurity for college students

By Mukund Desibhatla

"Hungry college student" is starting to sound like a broken record. We immediately envision the dorm with 30-pack microwavable ramen bowls, unaccommodating dining hall hours, or perhaps a weekly budget more likely spent on a bar tab first than three meals in a day. This image might remind you of a rough college phase, but for current students like myself, barriers to access healthful food have long been a systemic issue that results in negative impacts on academics and health. This is why Connecticut bill H.B. 7257. which mandates food insecurity data and evaluation at public institutions, should be expanded

on a national level. While institutional reform to provide more nutritional options has become more popular, especially at UConn, my alma mater, there is a general lack of data on whether current meal plans are bridging gaps in student diets.

When I moved off campus, due to my vegetarian dietary restrictions, I struggled to find sustainable, protein-rich foods with low saturated fat. "Food insecurity" refers to the lack of financial resources to consistently access enough food to enable a healthy lifestyle.

Nationally, this is a growingly unaddressed issue with oversight being the main problem. Some schools have recorded high rates of food insecurity, with a University of Akron study citing as high as 36%, but most institutions lacking an evaluation program may not

Mindful of individual confidentiality, findings on widespread food insecurity should be open access to increase the visibility of the issue and alert the administrators in power who can create changes in the system.

only be unaware, but complicit, in perpetuating this inequity. Collecting data on the prevalence of food insecurity across a student population can be the first step. Qualitative data, especially through accessible digital surveys, can give campus administrators insight into how and why students are unable to meet

nutrient-dense diets. Two years ago, I interviewed fellow students Wanjiku Gatheru and Abhishek Gupta to learn more about UCAFE (UConn Access to Food Effort), a data-driven, action-based approach to provide assistance to food-insecure students. I was stunned by their commitment to involve the community that they are serving in the research process and advocacy efforts.

After determining that 45% of students could not eat healthful or nutritious food due to a lack of resources, Wawa and Abhishek built on grassroots support to open a sustainable food pantry with pop-ups every two months. Similarly, a successful evaluation program at every public institution would involve the community in the conversation through the successful integration of Community Based Participatory Research, which not only builds trust through engagement but disseminates findings

to increase awareness.

Mindful of individual confidentiality, findings on widespread food insecurity should be open access to increase the visibility of the issue and alert the administrators in power who can create changes in the system.

The negative impact of food insecurity is known to cause gaps in academic performance, mental health and dietary choices. This is especially true for students who identify as minorities. Issues with access may be exacerbated due to increased vulnerability.

My experience of growing up as a minority vegetarian of color in conservative San Antonio, Texas, has been defined by years of trauma. I would depend on inadequate school lunches because my parents worked long hours. I would cope with deserving less: picking off beef on Hamburger Fridays until I ate two plain buns for lunch. I grew up with so much shame around my vegetarianism and the stigma related to seeking assistance.

 $The \ long-term\ impact\ of\ this$ common student issue was body dysmorphia and confidence issues that still affect me today. The long-term effects of mental health tolls on elementary school children are debilitating.

With minority students falling on the margins of the issue, I recommend that a federally mandated policy implement an intersectionality framework to determine which groups in each community are impacted the

I recognize that evaluating food insecurity in public institutions through data collection is merely one of many existing solutions. Recent bills, specifically on the federal level, have focused on the USDA's SNAP program expansion. SNAP alleviates the financial burden in households by supplementing nutritious groceries and providing healthful cooking instructions. Although the program offers beneficial advantages to single families, children in public school may still get left out. Despite healthy ingredients at home, some single parents work 60 hours a week, so they cannot securely send their children to school with a packed

In regard to meal plan reform, federal bills such as HR 3997 (CARE for Kids Act 2021) improve access to lunches and meal-swipe donations, but they do not necessarily improve nutrition. Informed by my personal experiences and passion for open access, I believe that access to affordable and nutritious meals can only start through federally mandated data collection and community pantries in public institutions.

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mandatory pre-proposal conference

take place at the above address on March 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Proposals of those not present at this conference will be disqualified and rejected. All proposals for a FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

a FOUD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT for the school district will be accepted until 2:00 PM on April 20, 2022. At the time designated by Newtown Public Schools, all proposals will be opened in the business office. The Newtown Public Schools reserves the right to waive any and all formalities or guidelines so stated in the RFP and to reject any and all proposals if considered to be in

any and all proposals if considered to be in the best interest of the school district. 3/11-3/14/2022 7166597

LEGAL NOTICE
GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
(ZONING AUTHORITY)
NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Glastonbury Town Council (Zoning Authority) at Public Hearings held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, approved the following, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk & the Office of Community Development:

NO 1 PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING LICENSE PLATE READERS. HELD.

NO 2 ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO BUILDING ZONE REGULATIONS – SECTION 7.11 OUTDOOR DINING AND SECTION 6.6 RETAIL TRADE. APPROVED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 28, 2022.

Dated at Glastonbury, CT this 11th day of March, 2022.

GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

(Zoning Authority) By: Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman 3/12/2022 7168653

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Manchester is seeking sealed bids for the ollowing Project: Window Replacements & Exterior Improvements at the Westhill Gardens Apartments in Manchester, CT.

A Public Bid Opening will be held at the Administration Office of said Authority located at 24 Bluefield Drive, Manchester, CT on THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

A pre-bid walk thru will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Westhill Gardens Apartments. Interested bidders are requested to meet at 24 Bluefield Drive, Manchester, CT.

Contract documents including plans & specifications can be viewed on-line and purchased from Digiprint's website beginning on March 14, 2022. Visit www.digiprintplan-

5% Bid Security (Over \$25K ONLY) and 100% Performance/Payment Bonds (Over \$100K ONLY) are required. Bidders will note require-ONLY) are required. Bidders will note requirements of minimum wage rates, nondiscrimination/equal opportunity rules (Executive Order 11246) and related provisions in the General Conditions. No bid shall be withdrawn for ninety (90) days. Complete bidding requirements are noted in the Contract Documents. This project is federally assisted. Therefore, bidders must comply with the following requirements: Housing and Urban Collowing requirements: Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; Equal Opportunity provisions of Executive Order 11246; Non-Discrimination provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Labor Standards provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts and Contract Work Hours Standards Act; prevailing wage determinations as issued by the United States Department of Labor; and all applicable provisions under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of

Joseph D'Ascoli, Executive Director Housing Authority of the Town of Manchester 24 Bluefield Drive Manchester, CT 06040 860-643-2163

3/12 & 3/13/22 7168241



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NO 3 ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO BUILDING ZONE REGULATIONS - SECTION 3.27(B)12(C) - CANNABIS MORATORIUM. APPROVED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 28, 2022. NO 4 ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO BUILDING ZONE REGULATIONS – SECTIONS 4.12.4 (B) (22), 4.13.6 (g), 4.17.3 (20), 4.19.7 (G) AND (H), 12.1 – ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. APPROVED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 28, 2022



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Connecticut

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

A petition has been filed seeking:

Termination of parental rights of the above named in minor child(ren)

can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 4/26/2022 @ 12:30 PM at Superior Court, Juvenile Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106

The petition, whereby the court's decision

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in Hartford Courant, a newspaper having circulation in the town/city of:

Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy Signed: Debra A. Rubert - Clerk Signed: 3/10/22

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

Notice to Ruby Rivera, other of child born on 12/22/21 of parts unknown

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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property de-scribed below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: ExtraSpace Storage, 56 Pameacha Ave, Middletown,Ct 06457 860-575-7610 March 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM Sandra Carr Unit#2118 Household Items

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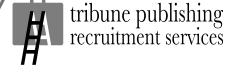


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^t Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Ballasy, Lavina (Schneider)



Lavina Mae (Schneider) Ballasy 92 of Ellington, beloved wife of the late Norman C. Ballasy passed away peacefully sur-rounded by her children on March 10, 2022. Lavina was born February 13, 1930, to the late John and Emily (Gerber) Schneider. She was born and raised and lived in Ellington all

raised and lived in Ellington all her life. Lavina married Norman Ballasy on September 26,1954 in Ellington. They were married for 63 years. Norman Passed away April 1, 2018. Lavina was a member of Apostolic Christian Church for 76 years. To this union 4 children were born Kevin (Jane) Ballasy of Ellington, Keith (Stephany) Ballasy of Bryan Texas, Dawn Winans of Ellington, and Donna (Dwight) Mogler of Lester, IA. 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind Sister-in-law Virginia Bahler, along with many nieces and nephews. Lavina spent 28 years working for Moser Dairy/Natural Country as a bookkeeper/Office Manager. Norman and Lavina took many memorable trips along with spending many winters in Zapata, Texas. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a granddaughter Amanda Ballasy, her brothers Norman and Wilbur, her Amanda Ballasy, her brothers Norman and Wilbur, her sister Helen Luginbuhl and infant sister Marjorie Schneider. A very special thank you to the nurses at Hospice that provided wonderful care in her last days. A special thank you to Richard Orris and the many special friends that came to visit her. Calling hours will be held at the Apostolic Christian Church 34 Middle be held at the Apostolic Christian Church, 34 Middle Butcher Road in Ellington on Sunday, March 13, 2022, from 3:00-4:30pm and 6-8 pm. The funeral service will be held at the church on Monday, March14, 2022, at 10:30 am. Burial will follow in Ellington Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Harvest Call Fund, c/o Apostolic Christian Church 34 Middle Butcher Ellington CT 06029. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon has care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Hanley, John "Jack" Alexander



John A. Hanley, 90, son of the late Alexander and Janet (Ferguson) Hanley passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Feb. 24, 2022. He was recently predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Mary (Barry) Hanley in November. Jack was first generation, born to Scottish immigrants on December 30 1931. By the age of 9, Jack had lost his father, a brother

David, and a sister Margaret leaving just he and his mother who lived with him and their family until her death in 1982. Jack attended Hartford public schools where he excelled in football, winning many state accolades. He later attended Trinity Pawling Preparatory School before he was drafted via full scholarship to the University of Kentucky where he was coached by the legendary Bear Bryant. As a freshman, he was a starter in the 1952 Cotton Bowl Classic where Kentucky beat Texas A&M. After graduation, Jack enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in Frankfort, Germany. After his service, he met and married the love of his life, Mary, and fathered 3 children, Douglas B. Hanley, Margaret J. Hanley-Sullivan, and the late John A. Hanley, Jr. He had a successful career as a Systems Analyst for Travelers, and later the Fosdick Corporation before his retirement in 2006. In 2004 Jack was inducted into the Hartford Public High School Sports Hall-Of-Fame, and he kept close relationships with several of his teammates over the years. In addition to his children Jack leaves his grandchildren Katherine R. Legowski, Amanda J. Aubut, Alex J. Hanley, Christina M. Sullivan, Jack A. Sullivan, and great granddaughters Maria and Mia. As per his wishes, Jack will be laid to rest in a simple graveside

service on Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00 am at Buckland Hills Cemetery, 1210 Tolland Turnpike in Manchester. All friends and family are invited to attend. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Leith, Jeffrey J



Jeffrey J. Leith, 55, passed away March 7, 2022 at Hartford Hospital after a brief battle with Bladder Cancer. He was born July 11, 1966 Springfield, Oregon, to John D. Leith and Cary L. Johnson. He graduated from Thurston High School in 1984. He

He graduated from Thurston High School in 1984. He loved the Oregon Ducks and Autzen Stadium where he played several football games in high school. He was also a fan of NASCAR Racing. Jeff joined the U.S. Navy in 1986. He was very proud to be a "Submariner." Jeff retired from the Navy, March, 2013. Jeff continued his passion in 2014 working at the Naval Submarine Facility B-9; Groton Ct as a Production Controller (Ships). Jeff was also a Head Coach, a Director and in 2019 the President of the East Hampton CT Youth Football & Cheerleading Association, Inc. Jeff was a proud promoter of the Hawks. Most recently, he served on the Parks & Recreation advisory committee to positively impact all of the youth sports in East Hampton. He is survived by his wife; Laura Judkins Leith; son, Jarrett D. Leith; (Roger Ann); mother, Cary Smith Johnson (David); sisters, Michelle McGinley (Bob), Kari McChesney (Josh); nieces Karly & Shelby, grandchildren, Olivia, Cole and Ben, his Uncle & Aunt (Bob & Violet Smith), as well as many extended family members and his beloved dogs, Ranger & Happy. Calling hours to be scheduled at a later date. The family will notify loved ones when services at Arlington National Cemetery are scheduled. Memorial Contributions in his memory can be services at Arlington National Cemetery are scheduled. Memorial Contributions in his memory can be made to: East Hampton Youth Football & Cheerleading

Association Inc., PO Box 346, East Hampton, CT. 06424 Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

Gochberg, Janet Susan (Scharr)



Janet Susan Scharr Gochberg, age 59, of Canton, Connecticut, died peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Wednesday, March 9th. The cause of death was gastroesophageal cancer. She leaves a daughter, Katelin Gochberg; a mother and father, Marlene and Jerome Scharr; a sister, Elizabeth Scharr; a brother, Michael Scharr, and his wife, Julie Scharr; and two nieces, Alison Sjoberg and Amanda Sears, and their families.

Janet was born on February 1st, 1963, and had an idyllic childhood in West Hartford, Connecticut filled with a plethora of love, neighborhood-wide hide-and-seek games, and good mischief. Her subtle, clever, light-hearted, and ticklish sense of humor was apparent from the start. She attended West Hartford public schools, Loomis Chaffee, and graduated from Hall High School, where she played soccer, tennis, and pretty much any sport that she could. True to her independent spirit, she completed all, but her final credit required to graduate from the University of Hartford, taking with her the education if not the degree. She followed her passion for photography and creatively supported various family busi-

Janet was a devoted mother, caring not only for her own daughter, but all who crossed her path. Many of her daughter's friends looked to her for love, guidance, and nurturing, and she was known as a second mother to all. Above all, she was devoted to her family and close friends. She was the kind of person who for over fifty years consistently supported her special needs sister, the kind of daughter who made sure that her home had a special bedroom set aside just for when her parents would visit; the kind of friend who would reveal private personal details if it might help in counseling others, or one that would drop everything to look after a friend's child and buy them a special present on her way; and an impeccable mother who loved her daughter with her entire soul,

Janet immersed herself in every community that she was a part of, serving so actively on the Board of Trustees at The Country School of Madison, CT that the Head of School described her as "a force of nature." She also served as a youth group leader at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek of Chester, CT. She found joy and peace in being outdoors, especially on the beach in Martha's Vineyard or in her garden. She was most content while listening to the Grateful Dead with her daughter, Katelin, and best friend, Kelly Spangler, enjoying a Quad Venti nonfat Latte or Caffè Americano with her friends at Starbucks, and making the people around her feel as though they were the

Funeral services will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, located at 55 East Kings Hwy., Chester, CT, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. The service will also be live-streamed. The services will be followed by a Shiva or a time of visitation for family and friends at Janet and Katelin's home in Canton, CT from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 13; Monday, March 14; and Tuesday, March 15. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Jewish Association for Community Living, The Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, or Palliative Care at Hartford Hospital.

Lastly, Janet would like to thank Dr. Timothy Hong, Nurse Jennifer Dupuis, and all of the amazing nurses and staff at The Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center in Avon and Hartford, CT. They took incredible care of Janet and treated her like family. All those who loved her are incredibly grateful.

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Kresge, Linda Lee



Linda Lee Kresge, 68, of Farmington, CT, beloved sister, aunt, and great aunt, went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2022. Linda was born March 22, 1953, in Germantown, PA., daughter of L. Ruth (Van Doren) Kresge Gatti and Dwight J. Kresge, M.D. Linda grew up in Avon and most recently called Farmington her home. She

graduated from Ithaca College. She went on to share her love of music with the students of the Farmington Valley. Through the years of her life, she worked mostly in executive secretarial positions at well known businesses in the area. Most recently Linda enjoyed her semi-retirement as an in home companion. As most of us know, Linda truly loved music, crocheting, gardening, the outdoors, and her family, kitties, and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth, her father Dwight, and her brother, Steven. She is survived by her beloved, kitty Calli; her sister Kay (Richard) Smith; her nieces Laci (Ray) Booker, and Jami Smith; her nephew Jaramie Smith; great-nieces Jazmine, Lillian, Jaidin, Danika, and Chevie; and great-nephews Ray Jr., Jaxson,

Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 14th at the West Avon Congregational Church, in Avon, CT. The Vincent Home of Simsbury, CT is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Linda's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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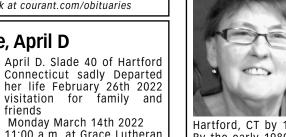
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Tenzin, Lobsang



Our precious monk and Rinpoche, the venerable Lobsang Tenzin (Geshe Wangdak) passed on March 6, 2022. Rinpoche was born 1935 in Kham (Eastern Tibet). At age ten he entered Ba Zingon Monastery. At 18, Rinpoche journeyed to central Tibet and joined the Loseling College at Drepung Monastery near Lhasa, where he studied until 1959. In 1960, after fleeing to India, he resumed his studies at Buxa, where a temporary monastery was established. In 1970, he moved to the newly relocated Drepung Monastic University in Mundgod,

relocated Drepung Monastic University in Mundgod, South India. After two years of intensive study and practice he moved to Sarnath, studying there until 1977. Rinpoche returned to Drepung to take his Geshe exams, and his scholastic achievement earned him the Geshe Lharampa degree.

Soon after completing his Geshe exams, he was invited to teach at Namgyal Monastery in Dharamsala, India, where he was senior teacher for 14 years. He was then appointed Abbot of the monastery by H.H. the Dalai Lama, a position he held until 1994. In 1995, His Holiness appointed Khensur Rinpoche Abbot and Senior Resident Teacher at Namgyal Monastery in Ithaca, NY. He retired from Ithaca in 1998.

We were then blessed to have him in Middletown and as our Spiritual Leader and teacher at the Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center of CT for the past 24 years. He lead the life of dedication to teaching (and setting the example) on how to continually improve on a path to be being a better person. We will dearly miss him. Services will be held on Monday March 14th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown Connecticut, there will be a live stream of the service on the Facebook Doolittle Funeral Home page. To share memories or send condolences, please visit www.doolittlefuner-

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Richens, Claire C.

Claire C. Richens, 93, of Stafford Springs, CT, wife of the late John "Jack" Richens, Jr., passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022. She was born in Rockville, CT, daughter of the late Howard and Edith (Ryan) Crandall. Claire worked for many years as a secretary at West Stafford School. She was a parishioner of the Second Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford, Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford, and enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, and bowling. Claire is survived by her two children, Mark Richens and Nancy Richens and her husband Al Kazokas, Jr.; a step grandson, Al Kazokas, III and his wife Melissa, and their son, Liam; her sister, Shirley Salisbury; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Jean Barton and Elaine Scussel. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 11 A.M. at the Second Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford, 197 West Stafford Rd., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will be in West Stafford Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Second Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford, 197 West Stafford Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www. condolence online for the family, please visit: www. introvignefuneralhome.com

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Urtz, Mary



Mary Urtz, 80, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on March 7. Mary was born July 23, 1941 in Lowville, NY to Elizabeth (Betty) Gyore Maher and Leon Michael Maher. She was the eldest to younger brother Donald. After graduating from Donald. After graduating from Lowville Academy and School in 1959, she went on to

start a family and moved to Hartford, CT by 1970 where she raised four children. By the early 1980s, as a young mom of four, she also attended Greater Hartford Community College and found much joy in working part-time in their Art Department. Her determination paid off and she landed a Legal Secretary position with The State of CT Attorney General's Office where she worked for twenty years General's Office where she worked for twenty years. Mary had a strong work ethic, a sharp and witty personality, and a robust green thumb when she cared for the office plants that resided in her very own "Plant ICU". She carried that love of plants to her home where she also was an avid reader and crocheter, crossword puzzle master, crime show watching, music fanatic. And her passion for "her" football team, the Philadelphia Eagles, was evidenced by what we kids might call her seasonal psychosis. Such passion was only outmatched by the love of her six grandchildren. She attended countless hockey games and dance recitals that softened some of life's hard edges. Most times though, she enjoyed her solitude, her children, and some time with close friends. She was fiercely loyal to her independence which she maintained throughout her life. Mary is survived by her two sons David McIntyre [Stephanie] of Simsbury, CT, and Daniel Urtz [Virginia] of Essex Junction, VT, and her daughter Lisa Aiello [Michael] of Cheshire, CT. Her six grandchildren, Ryan, Larry, Amber, Shannon, Nathan, and Autumn, and her two great-grandchildren Liora and Alyana. She is also survived by her brother Donald [Karen] Maher of Philadelphia, NY and her three nephews John [Karen] Maher, Mark [Jodi] Maher, and Jeffrey [Jeremy] Maher. Mary is predeceased by her daughter Lori Urtz. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to a local food pantry. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneral-

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3/12/56 - 2/28/2019

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom!

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You are truly missed beyond words. Until we meet again, I'm going to continue to do what I promised. Thank you for being the best mom and friend a daughter could ever ask for. I love you!

In Loving Memory Of ROLAND J. COLLIN





Dear ROLAND,

It has been 3 years since you went to be in God's arms. This seems like yesterday for me and your son's.

We all miss you very much in our lives. Thinking of you always, with the wonderful memories you gave us. Till we

meet again, all our love forever and always Joanne, Rob, Karen & family, Bryan, Michélle W., Greg, Jen & family, Tim, Michelle & family.

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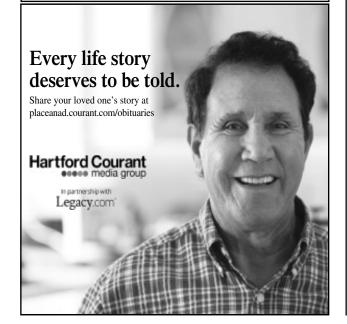
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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Omicron takes a jab at state jobs rate

But labor chief says 'trends are positive' as casinos, schools, manufacturing, construction show promise

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Casinos, schools, manufacturers and construction companies hired more than 2,000 workers in January, helping to blunt an otherwise weak start to the year marred by COVID-19's omicron variant, the state Department of Labor reported Friday.

For 2021, Connecticut employers filled 51,000 jobs, recovering about 78% of positions lost in the pandemic. The gains are bigger, at 55,411, when calculated from December 2020 to December 2021.

The unemployment rate of 5.3% is down a significant 2 percentage points from the previous year. It's still considerably higher than the U.S. jobless rate of 4% in January.

"We think the messages are positive, the trends are positive," Labor Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo

In January, government employment rose at the federal level, including the U.S. Postal Service, and at towns and cities where schools are resuming operations. Connecticut's two Native American-owned casinos also are benefiting from legalized sports betting

and online gambling, said Patrick Flaherty, the labor department's research director.

The year got off to a weak start, shedding 700 jobs in January. The unemployment rate rose by 0.2%, likely because of the omicron variant. Gains in December were revised lower by 1,100 jobs, posting a slight decline of 500 jobs due to omicron, Flaherty said.

"These reports bear out what we saw throughout the year," Flaherty said. "When infection rates increase, the economy contracts."

Leisure and hospitality, for example, lost 200 jobs in January after steadily gaining employment following a steep drop in the spring

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The Foxwoods Resort and Mohegan Sun casinos hired in January, boosting employment in Connecticut that was undermined by the omicron variant, according to the state Department of Labor. MARY ALTAFFER/AP 2020

Bristol mayor sees Route 6 commercial resurgence as evidence that consumers and businesses are eager to get past the pandemic



 $Chipotle\ and\ Starbucks\ are\ planning\ new\ outlets\ at\ the\ site\ of\ the\ defunct\ Ruby\ Tuesday\ on\ Route\ 6\ in\ Bristol.\ {\bf MARK\ MIRKO/HARTFORD\ COURANT}$

Signs of recovery

By Don Stacom Hartford Courant

After months with several vacant storefronts, the popular Route 6 corridor in Bristol is getting a series of new restaurants and other shops.

Two new coffeehouses will begin competing less than a half-mile from each other, while Chipotle's will enter the Bristol market for the first time, and Dairy Queen will return after being gone for decades.

"There were a couple of places that closed, but we're seeing a resurgence as we go into the post pandemic," Mayor Jeff Caggiano said Friday. Most economic-development attention in Bristol for the past 15 years has focused on reviving downtown, but this year is bringing a variety of new businesses to the city's busiest retail strip, Route 6.

For the roughly 5 miles between Farmington to Plymouth, Route 6 is mostly jammed with major stores, small shops, banks, car washes, restaurants, fast food spots, gas stations and more. Typically a few storefronts are vacant at any time as merchants come and go, but until recently there were more "for lease" or "closed" signs than usual.

Caggiano, who took office in November, said Friday that he sees the revival as further evidence of the pandemic waning.

"Bristol is coming out of it quicker than some of the others. One of the first things I did was to get rid of the emergency declarations in town," said Caggiano. "At this point, the data is clear. We have one person hospitalized (with COVID) this week — last week, we had none. We have six (reported) infections. We endured two years, but now life is hopefully going back to normal."

A sign of that is renewed interest by small businesses and chains alike, he said.

The property at 1444 Farmington Ave., for instance, is targeted for extensive redevelopment. Since mid-2020, it has been

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"Bristol is coming out of it quicker than some of the others ... We endured two years, but now life is hopefully going back to normal." — Bristol Mayor Jeff Caggiano

Sports safety under review

Hockey player's death has lawmakers giving go-ahead to task force

Associated Press

A Connecticut legislative committee has approved a bill calling for a study of youth sports safety, including the use of hockey neck guards, in response to the death of a 10th-grade hockey player.

The Committee on Children signed off on the bill Thursday and sent it to the House of Representatives. Earlier legislation would have required youth hockey players to wear neck guards. Medical experts offered mixed opinions on neck guards at a public hearing, Hearst Connecticut Media

Benjamin Edward "Teddy" Balkind, 16, died after his neck was accidentally cut by a skate during a Jan. 6 hockey game. He was playing for the private St. Luke's School in New Canaan in a game at the Brunswick School, a Greenwich college preparatory school.

The bill would create a task force, including sports and medical experts, that would study safety protocols and injury prevention measures in interscholastic and intramural sports.

Sen. Saud Anwar, a physician and Democrat from South Windsor, said some medical experts testified neck guards could put excessive stress on cervical spines.

"We need to make sure that in our passion for protecting our youth that we get experts to look at the issues and come up with sound, appropriate ways of protecting athletes," said Anwar, co-chair of the Committee on Children

The governing body for interscholastic sports among secondary schools in Connecticut requires all hockey players to wear neck protection, but that rule doesn't apply to private schools or youth hockey programs.

Yale strikes Sackler name from campus

Move comes amid outrage over family's role in opioid crisis

Associated Press

Yale University has begun removing the Sackler name from its campus, several years after announcing it would no longer accept donations from the family that owns OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma.

The Ivy League university, about 40 miles from Purdue's headquarters in Stamford, is the latest institution to distance itself from the family amid outrage over its role in the opicid origin.

its role in the opioid crisis.
Yale, which received over \$1

million in donations from the family, last month reassigned an employee from the David A. Sackler Professorship of Pharmacology and has no plans to fill academic posts named for the Sacklers, university spokesperson Karen Peart said Friday.

"In 2021 the university made

"In 2021, the university made a decision to pursue a separation from the Sackler name and has been actively working on specific plans consistent with that decision which we expect to announce soon. No Yale faculty member currently holds a Sackler chair," Peart said.

Yale's decision was first reported by the Yale Daily News. Purdue Pharma this month reached a nationwide settlement



David Sackler, a member of the family that owns Purdue Pharma, testifies via video to a House Oversight Committee hearing on Dec. 17, 2020. **HOUSE TELEVISION**

of lawsuits over its painkillers' role in the crisis, with Sackler family members agreeing to pay out as much as \$6 billion themselves. Some family members were confronted by victims of the crisis at a long-awaited hearing

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Disparities in risks of post-ICU patients

Study finds lower income older adults more likely to develop health issues after intensive care stays

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

In a study that could have implications for Connecticut as the state emerges from its latest COVID-19 surge, Yale researchers found that older adults with lower incomes were disproportionately likely to develop health issues following stays in the intensive care unit.

intensive care unit.

The effect was particularly strong when looking at cognitive health, with adults eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid — those who are both 65 and older and also low-income —

more than 10 times more likely to develop probable dementia after an ICU stay than those not eligible for Medicaid.

"I hypothesized that we would find an association, but I was surprised by the magnitude of the association," said Dr. Lauren Ferrante, an assistant professor of medicine at Yale and senior author of the new study.

"I was really surprised to see the nearly 10-fold difference."

Additionally, the study found, lower-income older adults were about 28% more likely to become

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4th arrest in Uber Eats driver attack, car theft

By Christine Dempsey and Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

Police on Friday said they are making a fourth and final arrest in a violent robbery of a 64-year-old food-delivery driver in Westport last weekend.

After working with four other police agencies, officers took Tayvion Hart, 18, of New Haven into custody. He will be arrested first on charges stemming from an unrelated New Haven case, after which he will be processed by Westport police on charges including first-degree robbery, first-degree assault and first-degree assault on an elderly person, police said. His bail will be set at

The woman, a driver for Uber Eats, suffered a serious head injury in the assault, which led to a chase into Bridgeport, police said.

According to Westport police, the robbery happened shortly before 7 p.m. March 5, when the woman was picking up a pizza for delivery from a Post Road restaurant.

While in the restaurant, the victim noticed that someone was getting into her car — a white Hyundai. She was injured when she went outside to stop the person, police said.

Police said they learned at the restaurant that witnesses saw the suspect get out of a black Acura before the theft, and that both cars were last seen traveling west on Post Road East.

An officer stationed on the

Sherwood Island Connector spotted both cars traveling onto I-95 toward Bridgeport.

The officer activated his lights and siren in an attempt to make

and siren in an attempt to make a traffic stop, but both cars fled, police said.

Because of what the police

Because of what the police called the severity of the crime, the officer pursued the two cars. He lost sight of the stolen Hyundai but chased the Acura, which got off I-95 in Bridgeport. Police said the driver apparently lost control and struck several parked cars.

Two occupants of the Acura ran and a third was captured by the pursuing officer, police said. Bridgeport officers who had been called to the scene captured the other two suspects.

Police learned that the Acura was stolen from Hamden earlier in the day; officers found a handgun in the car, police said.

Giovanni Abreu, 18, and two juveniles were taken into custody and charged with robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, assault on an elderly person, larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny, criminal possession of a firearm, illegal transfer of a firearm, theft of a firearm, engaging police in pursuit and reckless driving. Abreu was held on \$100,000 bond and the juveniles were taken to a juvenile detention center.

Investigators believe Hart was

the person driving the Hyundai, police said. They didn't say whether they found the car.

Westport police said they had help on the case from police in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hamden, as well as from members of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Westport Chief Foti Koskinas thanked all of those who worked on the case, but also reminded the community to be vigilant.

"What initially began as individuals targeting unlocked vehicles in the overnight hours has evolved into the theft of unattended vehicles at all times of day and night, in some cases by way of force," Koskinas said. "We ask that you please remember to always lock your vehicle and take your keys with you, no matter what the circumstances."

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Jobs

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of 2020.

Data also show employers continue to struggle to find workers, Flaherty said.

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said the monthly jobs report is a "disappointing start to the year, particularly given the number of private sector job losses,"

"January breaks a streak of nine consecutive months of job growth, highlighting the fragility of our pandemic recovery and the multiple challenges we face." he said.

Key industries such as manufacturing and construction added jobs, though private sector employment declined by 1,700 jobs in January.

Industries are showing uneven growth. Construction, transportation and warehousing are above pre-pandemic levels, but childcare and nursing home employment is below where they were before COVID-19 began its sweep in Connecticut in March 2020.

Restaurant and retail sector employment are improving, but finance and insurance continue to decline, likely because of improved technology and bank mergers.

Where were the job gains in January?

Government, up 1,000 jobs, to 226,300 (includes the two Native American-owned casinos).

Manufacturing, a gain of 700 jobs, to 157,100.

Construction and Mining, up 400 jobs, to 62,600.

Where did jobs fall in January?

Professional and Business Services, down 1,200 jobs, to 214,100.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities, lost 500 jobs, to 291,200.

Leisure and Hospitality, shed 200 jobs, to 142,400.

Educational and Health Services fell by 200 jobs, to 334,700.

Financial Activities dropped 100 jobs, to 116,600.

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WINDSOR

Driver, 28, dies after car crashes into utility pole

A man died in a one-car crash in Windsor early Friday, police said.

The crash happened about 2 a.m. at 600 Day Hill Road when the car struck a utility pole, police said.

People at the scene told first responders that the driver, the only person in the car, was unresponsive.

Officers and other emergency personnel were able to remove the driver and attempted life-saving measures before he was pronounced dead. The man was 28, Capt. Andrew Power said.

A regional team of traffic investigators, North Central Motor Vehicle Accident Reconstruction Squad (NCMARS) is investigating the crash, and the state medical examiner's office will conduct an autopsy, police

Anyone with information about the crash or what led up to it is asked to call the Windsor Police Department at 860-688-5273.

— Christine Dempsey

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home to a shuttered Ruby Tuesday. The chain's Bristol location had been struggling for a while, then shut down altogether when a runaway car crashed through the back wall.

This month, Hillcrest Development Partners announced it wants to demolish the old Ruby Tuesday and put up two separate buildings: A Chipotle's restaurant and the city's second Starbuck's outlet.

A Starbuck's franchise already operates at the Stop and Shop plaza, about a mile and a half west on Route 6. But that location is a full-service coffeehouse without a drive-through; Caggiano said the new one would draw a different market, with a heavy focus on drawing commuters to or from Farmington and towns to the east.

California-based Chipotle, which runs nearly 3,000 restaurants in the United States, Canada and Europe, would open its first Bristol location. Its closest restaurants are in Canton, Southington and West Hartford.

This month, the Mainebased Aroma Joe's chain of New England-themed coffeehouses is working to open its first Connecticut location at 1235 Farmington Ave. — roughly a half-mile from the Starbuck's site. CLASSIC GAR

The Ruby Tuesday on Route 6 in Bristol closed in 2020 after an out-of-control car crashed into the building. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

And this week, the 6 Nutrition health and wellness shop opened in a storefront at 862 Farmington Ave

Closer to the Plymouth end of Route 6, Dairy Queen is planning to enter the Bristol market by demolishing a vacant house at 454 Farmington Ave.

"A lot of people are excited about that. When I was a little kid we used to have a Dairy Queen by the Kentucky Fried Chicken,"

Caggiano said.

Justin Malley, the city's economic development coordinator, is also working to find Bristol locations for businesses that burned in the Mafales Plaza blaze

last month.

"I know the owner of the Crystal Diner has a big desire to stay in business and reopen quickly," Caggiano said. "He's the one who's most motivated. We're thinking June is somewhat realistic because there are a couple of locations that are turnkey."

The city is considering the Route 6 corridor but is also looking at vacancies downtown, on Chippens Hill and elsewhere as possible new sites for Marty's Package Store, Main Street Laundromat, Vivaldi Pizza and the Dance Experience.

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that was held Thursday by video-

conference.

The Sacklers donated tens of millions of dollars to prestigious universities even as state governments began efforts to hold members of the family accountable for Purdue's actions. In recent years, donor recipients including New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and some colleges have dropped the Sackler name.

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, a critic of Purdue and the Sacklers who has testified against the company in court, said he is not aware of any universities that have returned Sackler donations or tried to use the money to address the opioid cricis

"Universities and others that have taken money from the Sacklers should be thinking about this as blood money. It's tainted. It's not enough to simply take the name down and keep the money in your pocket," said Kolodny, who leads a program on opioid policy at

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— Dr. Andrew Kolodny

Brandeis University.

Peart did not respond to a question about Yale's intentions with the money donated by the Sacklers

The pharmacology professor who held the David Sackler Professorship will be assigned to another chair, Peart said. Gifts from Raymond and Beverly Sackler funded a Sackler Institute for physics, engineering and biology that has since been restructured. And the Richard and Jonathan Sackler Professorship in Internal Medicine, established in 2009, has not been assigned since a professor left the university in 2015, the Daily News reported.

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physically disabled after an ICU stay than those with higher incomes.

The paper, which relied on data from the National Health and Aging Trends Study, examined patients nationwide who had been treated in the intensive care unit between 2011 and 2017.

Tekisha Everette, executive director of the Hartford-based Health Equity Solutions, said that study's results make sense, given broader inequities in soci-

"My initial response is that it doesn't surprise me at all," Everette said. "We know that income is a strong determinant of health, and we also know that if you have a lower income it probably has some correlation to your neighborhood and what supports and systems are available in your neighborhood."

Ferrante has yet to study the causes of the gaps her team's research revealed but said she

suspects access to rehabilitation and other forms of post-acute care play a large role.

haul COVID, which affects some portion of those who have the disease, lower-income patients

"Anybody can go to a hospital," Ferrante said. "If you show up to an emergency room, you have to be treated. But for postacute care there are many steps in the process relating to referral and access and someone doing the evaluation that might require going to your home.

"So it's easy to see how structural differences in post-acute care might be contributing to someone's ability to get the treatment they need to recover."

Thoughthe Yale research was conducted before the COVID-19 pandemic, its findings are particularly relevant at a time when hundreds of Connecticut residents have recently returned home from ICU stays related to coronavirus infection.

This winter alone Connecticut has seem thousands of people hospitalized with COVID-19, many of whom required intensive care.

In addition to the effects some patients may feel from long-

portion of those who have the disease, lower-income patients are more likely to develop the types of health issues common to people leaving the ICU.

"This research highlights that among COVID and non-COVID patients who have been in the ICU they will be dealing with ... a greater burden of disability or problems functioning when they get home, and possibly a greater burden of cognitive difficulties that are separate from the actual effects of the COVID virus itself," Ferrante said.

Ferrante said.

Ferrante said she hopes to explore disparities in post-ICU outcomes through further research. At some point, she said, she'll be curious about how the pandemic has affected this data.

"I think it would be very interesting to repeat the analysis among COVID patients who had been in the ICU," Ferrante said. "I think it could potentially be even worse."

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DOT truck stolen, crashed in North Haven

Hartford woman arrested after allegedly driving under influence, running red light, punching cop

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A woman was injured Thursday when a Hartford driver blew through a red light in a stolen Department of Transportation truck and crashed into her car in North Haven, state police said.

Naomi Edwards, 46, of Wallingford, was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital to be treated for injuries that troopers said seemed minor.

The driver of the stolen orange DOT pickup, Dinah Khadijah Nelson, 23, was arrested on five charges including operating under the influence, first-degree

larceny and assault on a public safety officer — the latter because she punched a Seymour officer, state police said. She was in custody on \$25,000 bail.

According to police, the crash happened about 10:15 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of Elm Street and Bailey Road.

Edwards' 2019 Nissan Sentra was headed north on Elm Street and the DOT truck was traveling east on Route 40 toward Bailey

Road and its intersection with

The truck went through a red light and struck the Nissan on the driver's side.

Minutes earlier, troopers were dispatched to the scene of a DOT truck theft on Route 40, state police said. The report of the crash came in as troopers were

"Troopers determined that Nelson was under the influence

of a drug and/or alcohol and was unfit to operate a motor vehicle," the investigating trooper said in a report. "During processing, Nelson became combative and struck a Seymour police office in the face."

Nelson also was charged with negligent pedestrian and failure to obey traffic control signal.

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From Backstreet Boys to 'Sabrina,' stars of '90s descend on Hartford

By Christopher Arnott Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Convention Center travels back in time a quarter-century or so with '90s Con, a pop-culture convention that reminds us that the decade offered more than grunge rock and 'Friends.'

The convention, which opened Friday and runs through Sunday, celebrates the TV shows - and to a lesser extent the movies and music of the 1990s. There are contests, vendors and nonstop photo oppor-

The Hartford Convention Center didn't even exist in the 1990s; the construction of the building didn't happen until 2001, though it had been in the planning stages since the late 1980s.

Among the special guests at '90s Con:

- The main stars of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch": Melissa Joan Hart, who played the title role; Beth Broderick and Caroline Rhea, who played her aunts; Nate Rickert (Harvey); and Jenna Leigh Green (Sabrina's nemesis Libby) will reunite at a panel discussion at 11 a.m. on Saturday.
- Four cast members of "Full House": Candace Cameron Bure, Dave Coulier, Andrea Barber and Scott Weinger — all of whom are on the update of the show "Fuller

House." All will be part of a panel discussion of the show Saturday at

- The three Lawrence brothers, who were all part of "Brotherly Love": Joey (Joey from "Blossom"), Matthew (Jack Hunter from "Boy Meets World") and Adam (Tuck Gronic from the movie "Jack Frost"). Matthew's "Mrs. Doubtfire" castmates Mara Wilson and Lisa Jakub will join all the brothers for a combined Lawrence/Doubtfire panel at noon on Saturday.
- Holly Marie Combs and Brian Krause from "Charmed," part of a discussion of the show at 2 p.m. on
- Lacey Chabert, Neve Campbell and Scott Wolf for a "Party of Five" panel Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
- Danielle Fishel, Rider Strong, Trina McGee and Will Friedle from "Boy Meets World"; that panel is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday. ■ "Family Matters" stars Reginald
- VelJohnson, Jo Marie Payton, Darius McCrary and Kellie Williams will share a panel at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.
- A slew of Nickelodeon stars: Kel Mitchell (from "Kenan and Kel," reading from his book "Blessed Mode" on Sunday at noon, Danny Tamberelli (Little Pete from "The Adventures of Pete and Pete") and Lori Beth Denberg ("All That").
- Two of the Backstreet Boys (Nick Carter and AJ McLean), two

IF YOU GO: '90s Con runs through Sunday at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd, Hartford. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test require for admission. A weekend pass is \$120; Saturday and Sunday daily passes are \$55; kids passes are \$15. Some passes may be sold out. Other ticket options are available. More information is at thats4entertainment.com.

members of TLC and one (T-Boz and Chilli) plus Joey Fatone from N'Sync, chatting with each other at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

- Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson from the "Back to the Future" movies (the third of which was released in 1990 — later that decade they were known for "The Addams Family" and "Caroline in the City," respectively). They talk about their careers (which include a Christmas movie they made together in Connecticut last year) at 11:30 am. on Sunday.
- Jason Marsden and Vinessa Shaw from the "Hocus Pocus" movie plus Kimberly J. Brown from a different supernatural comedy, "Halloweentown." Their panel is Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
- Voice artist Jim Cummings, puppeteer Bill Diamond and SFX



The main stars of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," including Melissa Joan Hart, above, will reunite for a panel discussion Saturday as part of '90s Con in Hartford, FILE

artist Tyler Green, offering talks and demonstrations.

- Comics artists Mike DeCarlo, Rags Morales and Jeremy Clark plus Archie Comics co-CEO Nancv Silberkleit. Silberkleit, DeCarlo and "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" stars join in a celebration of Archie Comics (which marked its 80th anniversary last year) at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- Christy Carlson Romano, more of a 2000s star actually, from "Kim Possible" and "Even Stevens." She is billed as the "official host" of the '90s Con.
- Other events include a '90s videogame tournament, a "Girl Power" exhibit, a dance party with DJ Tre and more. There's a full schedule of photo opportunities with the stars,

individually and in groups. Two '90s-themed competitions will be hosted by Caroline Rhea: a Cosplay Contest on Saturday afternoon with Lacey Chabert, Kimberly J. Brown and Kellie Williams among the judges, and a "Trivia Showdown" on Sunday featuring "Sabrina" and "Boy Meets World" actors. Just reading the list of attend-

ees is a fun game of '90s trivia — a heartening one since most of those performers are still active, in some cases still playing the same charac-

The 1990s vision of the convention extends to its sponsors, which includes the maker of Koosh balls.

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Storm blowing into region over weekend, bringing rain, snow and wind

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A Saturday storm will bring rain, snow and wind to the Hartford area.

But the snow won't pile up, and the wind is not expected to cause widespread outages, the National Weather Service says.

When does the bad weather start? The rain should start by around 7 or 8 a.m.

"We're going to have rain showers moving in as early as early Saturday morning," said Bryce Williams, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "They'll be more scattered in nature early on."

When will the rain turn to snow? "It's going to fairly quickly transi-

tion to snow by early afternoon," he said. That's because it will be getting

colder. Instead of rising as the day

goes on like it usually does, the temperature will drop from a high in the low 40s Saturday morning to the upper 20s by afternoon. Williams said. Overnight, the temperature will drop more, into the teens.

How much snow will Hartford get? Not a lot, although the forecast may change.

"At the moment, it looks like 1-2 inches of snow." Williams said early Friday afternoon. He said the system might track east, which would bring more snow to the Hartford area.

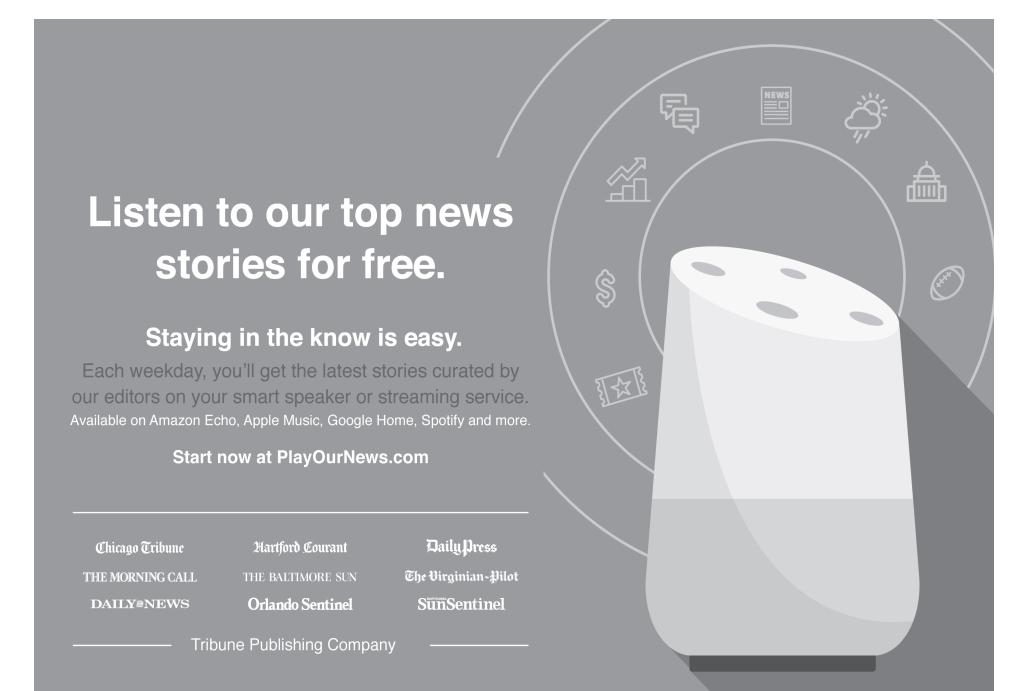
Will the snow turn back to rain? No. "Once it's snow, it's going to stay snow, because we have much colder air funneling in behind the system." he said.

How bad will the wind be? The storm will bring gusty winds of area, Williams said. "It's not going to too bad. But we could get some scattered power outages.

about 25-35 mph to the Hartford

What does Sunday look like? Some clouds will remain Sunday, although it will be partly sunny, he said. The highs will be in the mid-30s.

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CELEBRITIES

Morris to tour behind new album

From news services

Grammy-winning country star Maren Morris was on turbo speed after her first two records, scoring multiplatinum hits and crossover success with songs like "The Middle" and "The Bones."

But as she heads back on tour after an extended break due to the pandemic and becoming a mother, she's just not ready for arenas, even if she's likely to sell out.

"My outlook and strategy from the get go, even with my first record, was like, do the underplay as long as you can and not overshoot too quickly," said Morris. "I still, in some weird way, always feel like I'm wanting to pay my dues.

In support of her upcoming third major label album "Humble Ouest," due out March 25. Morris is heading out in June on a 41-date tour of mostly amphitheaters, wrapping with a final arena show in Nashville, Tennessee, in December.

"I wanted to do amphitheaters because we were already naturally moving into that venue size," said Morris, who is also nominated for two Grammys at the April 3 ceremony. "This album felt very outdoorsy, like I wanted to be able to play these songs in the elements."

The tour will include opening acts Brent Cobb, Ruston Kelly, Lone Bellow and Brittney Spencer, as well as her songwriter collaborators Hemby and Joy Oladokun.

Davis opens archive for **series:** Clive Davis — the legendary music mogul who helped guide the careers of Whitney Houston, Bruce Springsteen, Aretha Franklin and Alicia Keys, among others - is opening up his storied performance archive and doing a lot of talking for



Maren Morris, who is seen on Aug. 24, will release her new album, "Humble Quest," on March 25. AMY HARRIS/INVISION

his upcoming Paramount+ miniseries.

Excerpted from his virtual 2021 pre-Grammy Gala events, the four-part "Clive Davis: Most Iconic Performances" featuring the Arista Records founder's favorite archival music performances and his exclusive interviews with musicians will start streaming March 23.

"These interviews stand out among my proudest achievements," Davis said in the announcement. "They've received phenomenal response, presenting these all-time artists in a light never seen before."

Pianist Nelson dies: Bobbie Nelson, 91, the older sister of country music legend Willie Nelson and longtime pianist in his band, has died, her family said.

An original member of the Willie Nelson and Family Band, Bobbie Nelson played piano for

more than 50 years with her brother. She died Thursday "peacefully and surrounded by family," the Nelson family said in a statement. A cause and location of her death were not released.

Raised in Abbott, Texas, Bobbie Nelson played honky-tonks alongside her brother but gave up playing music to attend business college after her husband, Bud Fletcher, died. In 1972, she joined her brother's backing band and played with him for decades.

March 12 birthdays: Actor Barbara Feldon is 89. Actor Liza Minnelli is 76. Singer James Taylor is 74. Actor Jon Provost is 72. Actor Lesley Manville is 66. Singer Marlon Jackson is 65. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 62. Actor Titus Welliver is 60. Actor Aaron Eckhart is 54. Actor Samm Levine is 40. Actor Jaimie Alexander is 38.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Personal Facebook share leads to questions

Dear Amy: Last week, I had major surgery on my back.

The morning of the surgery, I posted on social media: "Wish me luck, I'm having back surgery today."

All my friends wished me luck, sending their prayers and positive thoughts.

A friend with whom I worked with 35 years ago asked, "What happened? Fill us in. What is wrong with your back? Need details!" I ignored that.

They send me a card. I thanked them via private message.

That generated more nosy questions: "Was it this? Is this why you stopped running? What happened? Did this happen suddenly? Are you in a lot of pain?"

My back surgery was totally unrelated to an old leg injury I had four years previously.

This really rubbed me the wrong way. No one else had to know all the "deets."

I wrote the name of my surgery and expected them to just Google it, but they were persistent.

What does one say to nosy people asking for details on a personal situation like this? I wanted to say, "What, are you writing a book?" or, "Why do you need to know the details?" but I didn't want to get confrontational.

— Just Say: Get Well Soon!

Dear Get Well Soon!: The complication regarding sharing personal news on social media is that once you put your bulletin out there, you can't control how other people interpret your news, respond to it or share it with others.

Your interpretation of

"nosy" might be someone else's: "I'm interested in what's happening to you – because I care."

Given that you want to control how people respond, you could have been more specific in your original posting: "Wish me luck. I'm having back surgery today. I'd appreciate your good thoughts but am not supplying details just now. I'll check back in during my recovery."

And then you turn off Facebook until you feel well enough to cope with questions.

Please remember this: Just because someone asks a question on social media doesn't mean that you have to answer it. Just let it float on by.

Dear Amy: I have been divorced from my ex-husband for 22 years. Is there a standard as to how I should pay my respects to my ex's relatives when one of them dies?

While I was married, I was very close to all of my former husband's relatives.

As many of them are entering into their later years, I'm wondering if it is appropriate to attend their viewing and funeral services?

It would be easy to say that I'm there for my adult children, given that these people would be their aunts, uncles and cousins, but I don't want to put them in a weird situation. - Paying my Respects

Dear Paying: There is no one answer to this ques-

You were close to these family members while you were married to your ex-husband, but it sounds as if you haven't necessarily stayed close to them during the 22-year period you've been divorced.

If you have stayed in touch with these people during these past two decades, and if you have a cordial relationship with your ex-husband (and his current spouse, if applicable), then you would consider attending any services in person.

However, if you have not kept in touch with your former husband's parents and siblings through the years, and if they pass away, then you should pay your respects through sending a note to your former husband and any surviving relatives you were close to.

Recognize this loss to your children and encourage them to attend any celebrations in person, and – if they get a chance – to verbally pass along your expression of sympathy.

Dear Amy: The letter from Stuck with the Memories" really got to me.

This reader was wondering what to do with an old stuffed panda bear passed down through the family that was much the worse for wear.

She should check out freecycle.org, which helps to connect used items with new owners, keeping things out of landfills. - Freecycler

Dear Freecycler: I love this

movement, devoted to recycling well-loved items. It is definitely a step in the right direction.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Exploration pays off for Big Thief

Brooklyn-based indie rock band Big Thief seems to draw from a bottomless well of creativity. After releasing two records in 2019, the band's fifth LP, "Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You," is a sprawling 20-track double album.

While quantity does not always equal quality, in Big Thief's case, the band never compromises the excellence of its songwriting. Instead of churning out carbon copies of the same song, its members use each album as a playground for exploration and it pays off.

In "Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You," the group — Adrianne Lenker, Buck Meek, Max Oleartchik and James Krivchenia – recorded in four different studios with four different engineers and drummer Krivchenia as producer. The effect is a collection of songs that feels dynamic with unexpected turns throughout the track list. The soft love song "12,000 Lines" is followed by the buzzing "Simulation Swarm."

In "Sparrow," Lenker's writing is unmatched. It takes a special talent to bring new life to a story told a million times. The song, reminiscent of Johnny Cash's "Hurt" with its Biblical references and Lenker's tenor, tells the story of Adam and Eve in a poignant way, tinged with a feminist edge in its examination of blame, shame and entrapment.

The reward of experimentation shows in songs like the hypnotic "Blurred View" and the mesmerizing "Little Things," with Lenker's vocals echoing over chugging, bright guitars. They also explore more bluegrass influences. While "Red Moon" melds well with the album, "Spud Infinity" is perhaps too on the nose, with the jaw harp almost satirizing the genre.

As with all Big Thief



'Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You'

Big Thief (4AD)

records, Lenker's voice and songwriting shines in the album's quieter moments. Opener "Change" is a striking analysis of change. Whether change is viewed through the lens of the end of a relationship or the end of a life, Lenker is able to find the beauty and necessity at the heart: "Would you walk forever in the light/To never learn the secret of the quiet night?"

It's the perfect opener for an album not afraid of change as Big Thief weaves through genres and themes. — Ragan Clark, Associated Press

Alice Glass is the blueprint for hyperpop

the new music genre loved by Gen Z and trending on TikTok. In her solo fulllength album, "PREY//IV," the queen of electro-punk is back and asking, "Where would you be without me?"

She's in full control, using her raw voice and lyrics as she details the end of a toxic relationship.

Glass parted ways with indie electronic pop group Crystal Castles in 2014 and later publicly addressed abuse at the hands of a former bandmate. Her album makes references to darker times in Crystal Castles in the lyrics and the album title.

In her first song on the album, "Prey," she asks the listener: "Do you believe

me? Does it matter?" Through the



'PREY//IV' Alice Glass

(Eating Glass Records)

vulnerability of her lyricism, Glass pulls back the curtain on her pain and stands in her power. On "Prey//IV," the Canadian musician uses her voice as an instrument to create a complex soundscape over dark electro-pop beats.

In her stirring song "Fair Game," Glass flips the cutting criticism and manipulative words of the abuser back onto them. "I know you don't know this, but you're a cliche," she sings. "You screw up everything."

The song is a defining moment for Glass. It's her biting back at all those who have questioned her rise since leaving Crystal

At times, Glass pairs electronic dance beats with her haunting writing like in "Baby Teeth" and "The Hunted." She uses her vocals to move from anger and hurt on "The Hunted" as she warps into a punk scream.

Glass' "I Trusted You," which premiered in 2018, relies on low frequency infused beats that build, creating a fitting space for the timbre of her voice. The exhaustion in her voice underscores the meaning behind her album.

Her final song, "Sorrow Ends," is an instrumental composition with no words as if to say she has said everything she has needed to say and left it all on the album. — *Beatrice* Dupuy, Associated Press

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): You've got support systems in even the most unexpected places. Even if you don't need help today, it's a good idea to be grateful for what you've got! This is a very creative aspect, so you might want to think about recording your thoughts.

Taurus (April 20-May

20): People may have gifts to share with you today, Taurus! Feel free to reach out to a friend or two for some support, particularly if you feel like things have been a little rough lately. They should have an open and understanding ear to listen to you - and probably some good advice.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): It's a no-brainer — you deserve to be properly compensated for your effort, especially right now. Still, you feel that you deserve more, this is the moment for you to speak up! Prepare a list of things

you've accomplished and

your supervisor, along with

be ready to present it to

your desired pay.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): There are no limits on your hopes and dreams at the moment, lighting up all the glorious possibilities laid out before you. It's the perfect time to set some new goals and set out a plan of attack so that you

can achieve them. Don't

think small — the bigger

the better right now!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your dreams are extra powerful now - perhaps even prophetic. You can

really see the fantasy in the world! Be sure to read between the lines and iot down any sudden bursts of inspiration, because something worth its weight in gold could come to you when least expected.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You don't have to shoulder life by yourself right now, no matter how good you are at handling things on your own. Be willing to take a step back and accept offers of assistance, because a specific person could be the perfect solution to a problem that is too big for you to tackle alone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your life likely has a natural rhythm and timetable for you to follow. Today, get into your groove whether you've got a heaping plate or an open calendar. If your life has gotten a little out of whack, you can get it back on track under this energy. Self-improvement is the name of the game!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): No one gets to call the shots but you! Take a bird's eye view of things. Fun and passion, turn the positive vibrations all the way up. You can chase after whatever brings you joy, so put a premium on doing whatever you please. You can get back to everyone else tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. **21):** The world is moving at a slower pace for you, making it easy to read between the lines and see things that might not always be obvious. Take on a softer vibe; feel emotions to your very core. There's no need to push things

right now. You'll get where

you're meant to be.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People have something important to share with you today. They'll be bringing a bit of information or a social opportunity your way. Make a point to respond to texts, answer calls, and RSVP "yes" to any invites, because you won't want to miss out. You're meant to hear it!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Matters of self-esteem and discipline are up for inspection right now, impacting your efforts and how you handle the 9-to-5 grind. You may have to roll up your sleeves and get to work, but it should be more than worth it. If you feel undervalued at work, it's time to take steps to change that.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): There's a wave of positivity heading your way, Pisces, making it easy for you to see the bright side of life. Do yourself a favor and enjoy it as much as possible. Treat yourself to something special, whether it's splurging on a new purchase or taking yourself out on a date.

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On March 12, 1955, jazzmusician Charlie "Bird" Parker died at age 34.

In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys.

In 1987, the musical play "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

In 2003, Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who had vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb.

In 2009, Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty to pulling off perhaps the biggest swindle in Wall Street

history; he would be sentenced to 150 years behind bars.

In 2020, the stock market had its biggest drop since 1987. Also, the NCAA canceled its basketball tournaments because of the coronavirus, the NHL joined the NBA in suspending play, and Major League Baseball delayed the start of its season.

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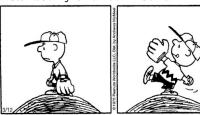
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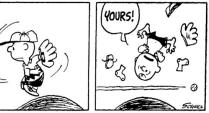
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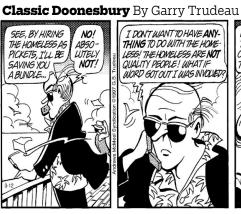
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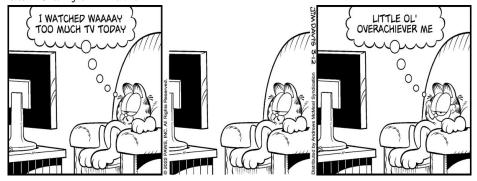








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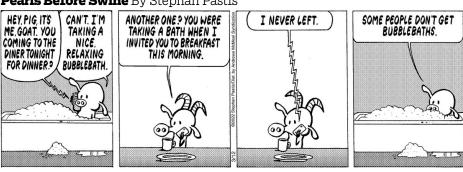




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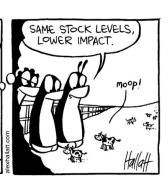
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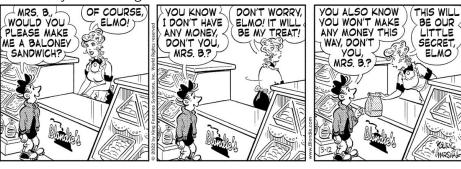




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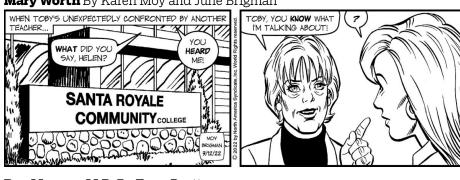


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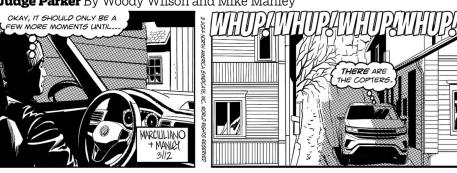


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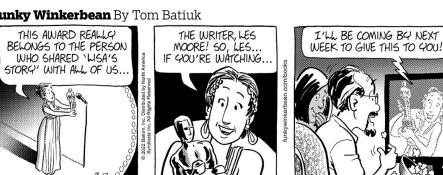


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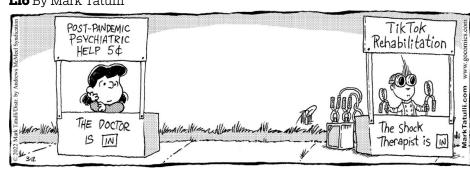




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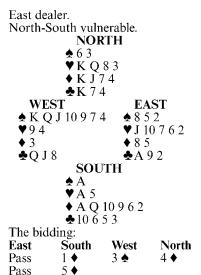
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BY STEVE BECKER



By Debbie Ellerin

Two chances are better

Opening lead — king of spades.

In many hands, you can make the contract only if a particular card is favorably placed. But in some cases, you can make the contract even when that card is badly placed, provided you play correctly.

Assume you're in five diamonds and West leads a spade. You see at once that the contract depends on not losing three club tricks. If West has the ace, you can easily make the contract by leading a club to the king at some point. But it would be wrong to stake everything on this one possibility. Instead, you should try to think of a way to make the contract even if East the ace of clubs.

Accordingly, you win the spade, cross to dummy with a trump and ruff a spade. This is the first step in a plan to strip dummy of spades and hearts in an effort to endplay East later on.

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You next play another trump before cashing the A-K-Q of hearts, on which you discard a club. As it happens, West shows out on the third round of hearts.

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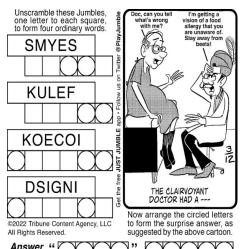
This is a highly significant development, as it means you can no longer be defeated regardless of where the ace of clubs is

You lead the eight of hearts from dummy, and, instead of trumping East's ten, you discard another club from your hand. This forces East to return a club or yield a ruffand-discard, either of which hands you the

Note that this method of play also succeeds if East has just four hearts. Note further that at no point do you give up on the possibility of West's having the ace of

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



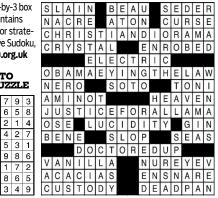
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RED SOX

Big shopping list as free agency reopens

By Julian McWilliams Boston Globe

BOSTON — Baseball's labor dispute has been resolved, and players are beginning to head to their spring training locations. But for many players who are free agents, reporting to a camp will have to wait until they are signed.

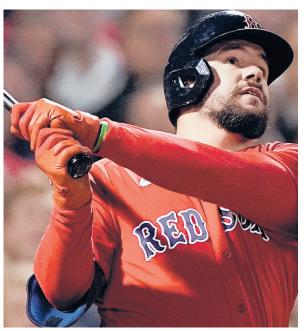
The Red Sox will have money to spend because the new collective bargaining agreement raised the competitive balance tax to \$230 million in 2022, up from \$210 million in 2021. Their payroll stands

at around \$195 million to \$200 million, which means they have approximately \$30 million to spend before hitting the luxury tax.

The Red Sox have needs at a number of positions, including outfield, middle infield and relief pitcher. Here are some players who could be a fit for the Sox.

UTIL/DH Kyle Schwarber: When the Red Sox acquired Schwarber in a trade with the Nationals at the at the deadline last season, many fans and critics didn't view it as the best move they could

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The Red Sox's Kyle Schwarber hits a grand slam against the Astros during the second inning in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series on Oct. 18, 2021, in Boston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Shortstop, 1B, Judge extension top priorities

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. – Now that the lockout is over and baseball is back open for business, the Yankees have a lot of work to do. As players return to their teams' complexes to prepare for a season that was jeopar-dized by the labor disputes, GMs and front offices have limited time to finish up

Brian Cashman has plenty to do.

their offseason work.

Shortstop first: First and foremost, the Yankees have to find a shortstop. They have already missed out on Inside

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some top talent when Corey Seager and Marcus Semien were wrapped up by Texas and Javier Baez signed with Detroit.

Carlos Correa is the top free agent remaining on the shortstop market. He's good on both sides of the ball

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

East Hartford headed to first title game in program history

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN - - After the Class LL semifinal game, East Hartford girls basketball coach Jon Myette stood quietly by the bench, watching his players clamber into the stands to celebrate with their parents and members of the community.

Second-seeded East Hartford had just defeated No. 3 Middletown 67-38 in a Class LL semifinal at New Britain High Friday night.

The Hornets (21-2) will head to their first state championship game in school history either March 19 or 20 at Mohegan Sun Arena at a time to be determined. They will face No. 12 seed Wilton, a 48-37 winner over top-seeded Enfield in the second game of the doubleheader at New Britain.

"It feels great," Myette said. "Even taking a moment after the game to see the girls run into the crowd, the cheerleaders, the community, the parents, everyone behind them — this is what they wanted from the start and it feels great to accomplish everything we wanted. Although, at this point, don't get me wrong, we still got one more game to go."

Seton Hall-bound Shailyn Pinkney scored 27 of her 29 points in the first three quarters to lead East Hartford. Tyah Petteway had 16 points for Middletown (20-3).

"I don't even know how to feel," Pinkney said. "For the past couple of weeks, this has been on my mind. I haven't been able to sleep. I think about it in school, doing whatever I'm doing. It's just a blessing to get here. Hopefully, we'll win a championship."

It was the first meeting this season of the two CCC teams. East Hartford punched first and led 17-6 after Kayla Henry's 3-pointer ended the first quar-

Middletown reasserted itself in the second quarter, pushing the ball downcourt. The Blue Dragons went on a 5-0 run to open the quarter, all scored by Petteway, to cut the lead to 17-11. But East Hartford responded with a 10-0 run to end the quarter, punctuated by a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Zoe Mercado and the Hornets led 27-11 at

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BIG EAST TOURNAMENT



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FIGHTING LIKE CATS AND I

Villanova's Collin Gillespie (2) uses a screen by Eric Dixon (43) as UConn's R.J. Cole defends during the first half of the Big East Tournament semifinals Friday at Madison Square Garden. The game was not over in time for this edition. For complete coverage, go to courant.com/sports

Jays boot top-seeded Friars in rout

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Arthur Kaluma scored 17 points and keyed an overwhelming blitz that sent Creighton to a stunning 85-58 rout of No. 11 Providence and into the Big East championship game Friday night.

Alex O'Connell had 18 points and Ryan Kalkbrenner added 15 points and nine rebounds as the fourth-seeded Bluejays (22-10) reached their fourth conference final since joining the league before the 2013-14 season.

They are still looking for their first Big East Tournament title.

Trey Alexander scored all 15 of his points after halftime for Creighton, which has all but wrapped up an NCAA Tournament bid by winning nine of 11 down the stretch. Particularly impressive,

Inside

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- Duke advances to title game in ACC. Page 4

the Bluejays are 4-2 since losing point guard Ryan Nembhard, the Big East freshman of the year, to a season-ending wrist injury.

The surprising Bluejays, picked eighth in the Big East preseason poll with no starters back from last year's Sweet 16 squad, will play eighth-ranked and secondseeded Villanova or 20th-ranked and third-seeded UConn for the crown Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Al Durham had 21 points on a rare miserable night this season for the top-seeded Friars (25-5), who won their first regular-season conference championship after 43 years in the Big East as a charter member.

It was the most lopsided defeat for a No. 1 seed in Big East Tournament history.

The game was tied at 25 late in the first half before Kaluma, one of three Bluejays on the Big East all-freshman team, scored 10 points in a 12-0 run that put Creighton in control for good. He started the spurt with a three-point play and capped it with a 3-pointer off his own steal.

The Bluejays, who ranked first in the Big East in field goal percentage defense (40%) and second in

scoring defense (67.5 ppg) during conference games, went into the break ahead 42-27 after holding Providence to 28% shooting and 2 for 12 from 3-point range.

Playing with swagger, Creighton stormed out of halftime, too, scoring the first 14 points as Friars coach Ed Cooley called three timeouts in the first four minutes. Two free throws by Durham finally stopped the 19-0 surge spanning halftime and drew a Bronx cheer from the Providence-heavy crowd.

By the time the onslaught was over, the Bluejays had outscored Providence 31-2 in about 10 ½ minutes and 35-4 to build a 60-29

Providence center Nate Watson, who bullied Butler down low for a

Turn to Creighton, Page 4

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Big East Final (if necessary) vs. Creighton/ Providence, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; NCAA First Round vs. TBD, March 17/18, time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 19/20, time TBD

UConn WBB: NCAA First Round vs. TBD, March 18/19, time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 20/21, time TBD; NCAA Sweet 16 (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 26, time TBD

Celtics: Mavericks, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; at Warriors, Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Kings, Friday, 10 p.m.

Knicks: at Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Trail Blazers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: Knicks, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Magic, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Mavericks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Hockey East Quarterfinal vs. Boston Uni., Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Hockey East Semifinal (if necessary), March 18, 4/7:30 p.m.; Hockey East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 19, 7 p.m.

Bruins: Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Chicago, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Wild, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Rangers: at Stars, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Ducks, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Islanders, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at W-B/ Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Syracuse, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Phoenix, Qualifying. (Live) FS1 1:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Phoenix, Qualifying. (Live) FS1 2 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing AMALIE Motor Oil Gatornationals - Top Fuel All-Stars. (Live) FOX 4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series NASCAR Xfinity

Series Race at Phoenix. (Live) FS1 **BASEBALL** 7 p.m.: Boston College at Miami. (Live) ACC

BASKETBALL 11 a.m.: Women's College: MAC Tournament,

Championship:.(Live) CBSSN

11 a.m.: America East Tournament, Championship: . (Live)

11 a.m.: Ivy League Tournament: Cornell vs Princeton. (Live) ESPNU

1 p.m.: Big Ten Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live) CBS 1 p.m.: Atlantic 10 Tournament, First Semifinal.(Live)

1 p.m.: SEC Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live) ESPN 1 p.m.: MEAC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPN2 2 p.m.: Ivy League Tournament: Pennsylvania vs Yale.

3 p.m.: AAC Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live) ESPN2 3:30 p.m.: Big Ten Tournament, Second Semifinal. (Live)

3:30 p.m.: Atlantic 10 Tournament, Second Semifinal. (Live) CBSSN

3:30 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Second Semifinal. (Live)

4 p.m.: MAAC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPNU 5 p.m.: AAC Tournament, Second Semifinal. (Live) ESPN2 5:30 p.m.: Women's College: C-USA Tournament, Championship. (Live) CBSSN

6 p.m.: Mountain West Tournament, Championship. (Live)

6 p.m.: Big 12 Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPN 6 p.m.: SWAC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPNU **6:30 p.m.:** Big East Tournament, Championship. (Live)

7:30 p.m.: MAC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPN2 8 p.m.: Big Sky Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPNU 8:30 p.m.: Bucks at Warriors. (Live) ABC

8:30 p.m.: C-USA Tournament Championship. (Live)

8:30 p.m.: ACC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPN 9 p.m.: Pac-12 Tournament, Championship. (Live) FOX 9:30 p.m.: Southland Tournament, Championship. (Live)

10 p.m.: WAC Tournament, Championship. (Live) ESPNU 11:30 p.m.: Big West Tournament, Championship. (Live)

4 a.m.: Big East Tournament, Championship. (Same-day Tape) FS1 5 a.m.: Pac-12 Tournament, Championship. (Same-day

GOLF 1 p.m.: 2022 Players Championship Third Round. (Live)

1:30 a.m. Sun.: Honda LPGA Thailand, Final Round. (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY 12:30 p.m.: Blues at Predators. (Live) SPRTNET. NHL 3 p.m.: Flyers at Hurricanes. (Live) ABC SPRTNET 4 p.m.: Women's Hockey Rivalry Rematch: Canada vs

United States. (Live) NHL 7 p.m.: Kraken at Canadiens. (Live) SPRTNET, NHL 7 p.m.: Coyotes at Bruins. (Live), NESN

8 p.m.: Rangers at Stars. (Live), MSG

Game. (Live) USA

10 p.m.: Lightning at Oilers. (Live) SPRTNET **MOTORCYCLE RACING**

7 p.m.: AMA Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 10. (Live) CNBC

OLYMPICS 7:05 a.m.: Winter Paralympics Sled Hockey, Bronze Medal

9 a.m.: Winter Paralympics Paralympic Coverage. (Sameday Tape) USA

12 p.m.: Winter Paralympics Daytime. (Same-day Tape)

8 p.m.: Winter Paralympics Primetime. (Same-day Tape)

11:05 p.m.: 2022 Winter Paralympics Sled Hockey, Gold Medal Game. (Live) USA

RUGBY

8 p.m.: NRL Women's Premiership Brisbane Broncos vs St George Illawarra Dragons. (Live) FSP

9:30 p.m.: NRL Women's Premiership Parramatta Eels vs Gold Coast Titans. (Live) FSP

8 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Lecce vs Brescia. (Live) FSP 9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer TSG 1899 Hoffenheim vs

Bayern Munich. (Live) SPRTNET 10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Brentford vs Burnley.

1 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship 3rd

Place:.(Live) FSP 1:30 p.m.: Fútbol MLS Inter Miami CF vs. Los Angeles FC.

(Live) UNI 3:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Seattle Sounders FC.

4 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship Final:.(Live) FSP

5:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División León vs.

Tigres UANL. (Live) UNI 7:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Cruz Azul vs.

Pumas UNAM. (Live) UNI 9:30 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Guadalajara

vs. América. (Live) TELE **SOFTBALL**

12 p.m.: Syracuse at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC

12 p.m.: Mississippi State at Florida. (Live) SEC

2 p.m.: Florida State at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC 2 p.m.: Tennessee at Missouri. (Live) SEC

7 p.m.: Texas A&M at Auburn. (Live) SEC 9 p.m.: Alabama at LSU. (Live) SEC

2 p.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis BNP Paribas Open: ATP 2nd Round, WTA 2nd Round. (Live) TENNIS

NBA

Nets rally around Simmons for statement win

By Kristian Winfield New York Daily News

PHILADELPHIA - The night began with boos for Ben Simmons.

The night ended with boos for the 76ers, and cheers from the traveling Nets faithful after the arena cleared.

Kevin Durant best summed the swing just a few seconds after taking the podium following Thursday's game — a landslide, 129-100 victory over the 76ers that relegitimized the Nets as conference juggernauts and championship contenders.

"It was a good environment to start.

It didn't finish that way. It didn't feel (hostile) when we left off the court," Kevin Durant said postgame. "It's hard for you to chant at Ben Simmons when you're losing by so much."

Philly fans booed Simmons, the ex-Sixers star who joined the Nets in the James Harden trade, every time he was visible: When he entered the team hotel after the bus arrived in Philadelphia; when he assisted Patty Mills during pregame warmups, and when he emerged from the locker room wearing a black-and-yellow hockey jersey to join his team on the bench as a spectator for Thursday night's rivalry

Those boos may have impacted Simmons, who smiled at times when the fans poured on, but they had the opposite effect on a Nets team that rallied around their Australian star to string together their most dominant performance of the second half of the

"I think playing for Ben on this night meant something to Ben," Kyrie Irving said postgame. "We all felt it. We're all there. ... If you come at Ben, you come at us. You come at anyone else on our team, you come at all of us, and that's the mentality."

METS

Focus on starting pitching in mad rush to **Opening Day**

By Deesha Thosar New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Opening Day will be here before we know it. And when it arrives, the Mets better have acquired more starting pitching depth.

GM Billy Eppler and his comrades in the Mets front office do not have to rush like other teams in what will be a hectic first few days of spring training on the free agency market. Thanks to the acquisition of Max Scherzer, the Mets are already well-positioned with two proven aces in their rotation to create the scariest 1-2 punch in baseball. But beyond those two and even including those two - there are question marks regarding health.

Jacob deGrom has had ample time to rest, recover and heal since the last time he stepped on a big-league mound on July 7 at Citi Field. But we will find out in the coming days if his right



Former Mariners pitcher Yusei Kikuchi, now a free agent, may be a good fit with the Mets' staff. JEFF CHIU/AP

forearm issues are behind him and what adjustments, if any, he made during the longer offseason. DeGrom last season threw harder than he ever has in his eight-year career. It will be interesting to see if the superhuman right-hander will come down to earth, and take his fastball velocity down a couple of miles per hour from the 101-102 mph range he produced last year, in the effort of protecting his arm for the full season.

Beyond deGrom, questionable arm health is a theme among Mets starters.

Scherzer hasn't pitched since the Dodgers' playoff run, when he missed the National League Championship Series due to a "dead arm." In November, Scherzer said the issue was already behind him, but the Mets must read the tea leaves and be careful not to overuse the three-time Cy Young winner. Taijuan Walker was a different pitcher in the second half of 2021 from the All-Star we saw in his first 17 starts, looking gassed and flustered by August. Carlos Carrasco deeply struggled with injuries and the long ball in his first season in Queens.

Available free agent pitchers that would be a good fit for the Mets include lefthander Yusei Kikuchi, who hasn't lived up to his pre-debut hype, but showed flashes of brilliance in 2021 for the Mariners and would nicely fill out the back-end of the Amazin's rotation. With the proper coaching and adjustments, and perhaps a change of scenery, Kikuchi could very well be a hidden gem.

Seaver's statue to be unveiled at home opener

After waiting all these decades for a statue of the greatest player in Mets history, what's another couple of weeks?

The Mets will unveil their Tom Seaver statue on April 15, a source told Newsday, prior to their 1 p.m. home opener at Citi Field against the Diamondbacks.

Honoring "The Franchise" at the first home game of the season had been the plan since last summer. Ultimately, that was moved back a half month due to the lockout delaying the start of the season and rejiggering the schedule.

April 15 is also Jackie Robinson Day and the 75th anniversary of Robinson breaking the majors' color barrier. After they celebrate No. 41 outside the ballpark, both teams will wear No. 42 on the field.

Tickets purchased for the Mets' original Opening Day — March 31 against the Nationals - now are good for the April 15 game. Fans who had tickets for the April 15 D-backs contest can get a refund or credit. — Newsday

Sox

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The Red Sox were in a playoff hunt, and though Schwarber was having a breakout season - pummeling 25 homers in just 72 games — he came over on the injured list, nursing a bad hamstring for roughly a month. Additionally, the Sox were going to try Schwarber at first base, a position he had never played.

The move was a gamble, and learning a position on the fly wasn't an easy task. The small sample size at first base wasn't Schwarber's best showcase. But he did stabilize the lineup when he returned in mid August, batting .291/.435/.522 with seven homers.

With J.D. Martinez in the last year of his deal, and Schwarber entering his age 29 season, it's easy to envision Schwarber moving into the designated hitter role full-time in 2023.

As for the 2022 season, Schwarber could be a hybrid of some sort. Perhaps a larger sample size at first base could turn him into a serviceable option there.

2B Josh Harrison: Second base is unresolved for the Red Sox. They brought back Jackie Bradley Jr. to patrol center field, meaning Kiké Hernández could shift back to second base. But chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom mentioned that there will be games in which Hernández rotates with Bradley, leaving second base to someone else.

While Christian Arroyo did a solid job at the position last year, he played in just 57 games because of a plethora of injuries and COVID-19.

Harrison, meanwhile, has been one of the more underrated players in baseball for much of his career and might be a fit for the Red Sox. He played in 138 combined games last year for the Nationals and Athletics, batting .279/.341/.400. Harrison will be 34 this

season, but he is a veteran presence and as consistent as they come.

SS Trevor Story: Carlos Correa might demand too much, but Story might warrant some real intrigue. The Yankees and Mariners reportedly have shown some

interest in the 29-year-old Story, and the Sox, at the very least, should jump in on that interest, too.

Story hit just .251 last year for the Rockies with 24 homers, which could bring his market value down a tad. If you consider the location he played — a place known for inflated numbers because of the altitude that could bring down his stock even more, maybe giving the Sox a chance to nab a premium shortstop at a below-market deal.

Xander Bogaerts remaining at shortstop over the long term seems increasingly unlikely. But you do wonder whether Story, considering his age, would be the one to replace him.

One scenario is that Story could serve as a stopgap, giving top shortstop prospect Marcelo Mayer time to develop before potentially being ready to command the position in a big league uniform.

RHP Adam Ottavino: The Red Sox certainly will address their bullpen needs, and an Ottavino return shouldn't be ruled out.

The righthander's end to the season was a forgettable one, resulting in a 4.21 ERA in 62 innings pitched. He also averaged 5.1 walks per nine innings.

"My pitching fundamentals have been so-so, at best," Ottavino said. "I haven't thrown enough strikes. I haven't struck enough guys out, and just in general, I've had too many baserunners, too many stolen bases. It's been the little things that I'm going to focus on going into next year."

RHP Kenley Jansen or RHP **Ryan Tepera:** The Sox have questions surrounding the back part of their bullpen, namely Matt Barnes and whether he'll return to form.

Following the All-Star break, Barnes All-Star himself — fell off a cliff, yielding a 6.48 ERA compared with 2.61 in the first half. He lost his role as closer and was left off the American League Championship Series roster.

Jansen had a stellar 2021 season, posting a 2.22 ERA and 1.043 WHIP in 69 innings for the Dodgers. Tepera, meanwhile, compiled a 2.79 ERA and 0.880 WHIP in a combined 61 1/3 innings between the Cubs and White Sox.

Yankees

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and has proven himself on the big stage of the playoffs. Correa is a career .277/.481/.837 hitter with a career WAR of 34.1. He is also just 27 years old, though he also already has a history of injuries. The Yankees, however, seem to be out of the luxury market right now.

If Trevor Story can be had on a short-term deal, he could be an intriguing stopgap as the Yankees wait for exciting prospects Anthony Volpe and Oswald Peraza to develop. Story, who is coming off a down season, could see how his former teammate DJ LeMahieu used a shortterm deal with the Bombers as a springboard to a six-year, \$90 million deal.

Who's at first: The Yankees seemed to turn the page on Luke Voit as he battled injuries last season, adding Anthony Rizzo at the trade deadline. The Bombers have long been too right-handed heavy in their lineup and first is a good place to add an impact power bat from the left side.

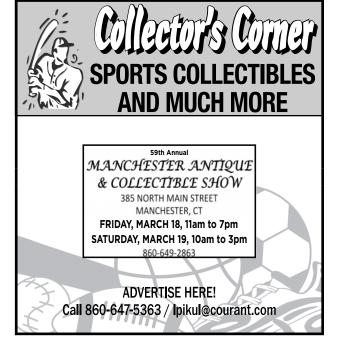
A reunion with Rizzo could be possible. He had a successful two-month tenure with the Yankees, though he did seem worn out by a battle with COVID-19 down the stretch.

The Yankees have been linked to Matt Olson, one of the pieces the A's seem willing to shed in their salary dumps. The 28-year old has two year of team control left, has a Gold Glove and is coming off a 39-homer season with a .911 OPS.

Make it official: Coming off his best, most consistent season since he won Rookie of the Year honors in 2017, Aaron Judge has repeatedly made it clear he wants to be a Yankee for life. After years of injuries, Judge stayed healthy, played in 148 games, crushing 39 homers and hitting .287/.373/.544 with a .916 OPS.

The Yankees have not won a World Series since 2009 and Judge has been the first homegrown player that the fans have rallied around since the Core Four. The Bombers need to make some overtures to a fan base that has grown disillusioned with ownership and management. Securing Judge is one way to give the fans something, especially after this making them sit through the labor dispute.

Clear room: Gleyber Torres' struggles at shortstop created the dire need for the Yankees to sign one this season. The easy answer for the Yankees is to move him to second base, but that causes a domino effect of questions. That is where LeMahieu was expected to play when he signed the six-year deal with the Yankees before last season. Moving him to third is an option — bumping Gio Urshela to the bench.



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Washington at L.A. Lakers, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES Cleveland at Chicago, 8p.m. Indiana at San Antonio, 8p.m. Minnesota at Miami, 8p.m. Milwaukee at Golden State, 8:30p.m. Sacramento at Utah, 10p.m. Toronto at Denver, 10p.m. Washington at Portland, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES New York at Brooklyn, 1p.m. L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 3p.m. Dallas at Boston, 3:30p.m. Philadelphia at Orlando, 6p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 7p.m. Indiana at Atlanta, 7p.m. Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Brooklyn 129, Philadelphia 100 Golden State 113, Denver 102

TENNIS

BNP PARIBAS OPEN At Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Indian Wells, Calif., hardcourt-outdoors MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 128 Emil Ruusuvuori d.

Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-3, 6-3. Richard Gasquet, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. Andy Murray d. Taro Daniel, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Jaume Munar d. Shang Juncheng, 6-3, 6-4 Dominik Koepfer d. Benoit Paire, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4. JordanThompson d. David Goffin, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6(3). Miomir Kecmanovic d. Liam Broady, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 Holger Rune d. Ugo Humbert ,6-3, 6-2. Tommy Paul d. Mikhail Kukushkin, 6-4, 6-4. Ilya Ivashka vs. Jan-Lennard Struff, ccd. Facundo Bagnis vs. Henri Laaksonen, late Kamil Maichrzak vs Aljaz Bedene, late Steve Johnson vs. Daniel Altmaier, late

Tennys Sandgren vs.
Botic van de Zandschulp, late Tallon Griekspoor vs. Sam Querrey, late Adrian Mannarino vs. Brandon Nakashima, late WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

#3Iga Swiatek d. Anhelina Kalinina, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1. Danka Kovinic d. #7Karolina Pliskova, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4

Alison Riske d. #8Garbine Muguruza, 0-6, 6-3, 6-1. #11Emma Raducanu d. Caroline Garcia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Petra Martic d. #19Tamara Zidansek, 7-5, 7-6(6). #24Simona Halep d. Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

#26Sorana Cirstea d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-4, 7-5. #28 Ludmilla Samsonova d Ann Li. 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Anna Kalinskaya d. #33Alize Cornet, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2. Clara Tauson d. Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-4, 6-3.

#12Elina Svitolina vs. Harriet Dart, late #22Belinda Bencic vs. Kaia Kanepi, late #16Coco Gauff vs. Claire Liu, late #15Angelique Kerber vs. Qinwen Zheng, late

#23Daria Kasatkina vs.

Katie Volvnets, late

#25Madison Keys vs. Misaki Doi, late **AUTO RACING**

ODDS

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March 20: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga.

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Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1p.m. Toronto vs. Buffalo at Tim Hortons Field, 4p.m. Montreal at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Montreal at Prinadelprina, 7,5,111.
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Calgary at Colorado, 8p,111. Florida at Los Angeles, 10p.m. Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME Arizona at Ottawa, 7:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Winnipeg 2, New Jersey Arizona 5, Toronto 4(OT) Carolina 2, Colorado 0 Buffalo 3, Vegas 1 Ottawa 4, Seattle 3(OT) Boston 4, Chicago 3 Florida 6, Philadelphia 3 Minnesota 6, Detroit 5(SO) N.Y. Islanders 6, Columbus 0 St. Louis 6, N.Y. Rangers 2 Nashville 4, Anaheim 1 Calgary 4, Tampa Bay 1 San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3(OT)

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SATURDAY'S MATCHES CF Montréal at New York City FC, 1p.m. Toronto FC at Columbus, 1:30p.m. Los Angeles FC at Miami, 1:30p.m. LA Galaxy at Seattle, 3:30p.m. Vancouver at Houston, 6:30p.m. Chicago at D.C. United, 7:30n.m. Salt Lake at New England, 7:30p.m. Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30p.m. San Jose at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m. Nashville at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m Sporting KC at Colorado, 9p.m.

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 4:30n.m. Minnesota at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.

Austin FC at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 Miami at Cincinnati, 1p.m. Philadelphia at New York City FC, 1p.m. D.C. United at Toronto FC, 3p.m. Orlando City at LA Galaxy, 3:30p.m CF Montréal at Atlanta, 4p.m. Sporting KC at Chicago, 6p.m. New England at Charlotte FC, 7p.m. San Jose at Minnesota, 8p.m. Portland at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m.

Colorado at Houston, 8:30p.m. Nashville at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

4 5 19 17 61 17 SATURDAY'S MATCHES Brighton vs. Liverpool, 7:30a.m. Brentford vs. Burnley, 10a.m. Man United vs. Tottenham, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Chelsea vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Everton vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Norwich, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Watford, 10a.m. West Ham vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m. Arsenal vs. Leicester, 12:30p.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH Crystal Palace vs. Man City, 4p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES Brighton vs. Tottenham, 3:30p.m. Arsenal vs. Liverpool, 4:15p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FRIDAY MEN'S SCORES

TOURNAMENTS American Athletic, Quarterfinals American Athletic, Quarterfinals Houston 69, Cincinnati 56 Tulane 69, Temple 60 SMU 83, Tulsas 58 UCF vs. Memphis, late Atlantic 10, Quarterfinals Davidson 74, Fordham 56 Saint Louis 57, St. Bonaventure 54 Dayton 75, UMass 72 Richmond vs. VCIL late Atlantic Coast, Semifinals Duke 80, Miami 76 Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina, late **Big 12. Semifinals** Kansas 75, TCU 62 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, late Natisas 73, 100 02
Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, late
Big East, Semifinals
Creighton 85, Providence 58
UConn vs. Villanova, late
Big Sky, Semifinals
Weber St. vs. Montana St., late
Portland St. vs. N. Colorado, late
Big Ten, Quarterfinals
Indiana 65, Illinois 63
Iowa 84, Rutgers 74
Michigan St. 69, Wisconsin 63
Penn St. vs. Purdue, late
Big West, Semifinals
UC Santa Barbara vs. Long Beach St., late
Hawaii vs. Cal St.-Fullerton, late
Conference USA, Semifinals
Louisiana Tech 42, North Texas 36
UAB 102, Middle Tennessee 98(30T)
Metro Atlantic Athletic, Semifinals Akron 70, Toledo 62 Kent St. vs. Ohio, late **Mid-Eastern Athletic, Semifinals** Norfolk St. 72, Morgan St. 63 Coppin St. vs. NC Central, late Mountain West, Semifinals Wyoming vs. Boise St., late San Diego St. vs. Colorado St., late Pacific-12, Semifinals Pacific-12, Semifinals
Colorado vs. Arizona, late
USC vs. UCLA, late
Southeastern, Quarterfinals
Texas A&M 67, Auburn 62
Arkansas 79, LSU 67
Tennessee 72, Mississispi St. 59
Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky, late
Southland, Semifinals
Texas A&M-CC 71, Nicholls 64
New Orleans vs. SE Louisiana, late
Southwestern Athletic, Semifinals
Texas Southern 73, Grambling St. 5/ Southwestern Athletic, Seminnais Texas Southern 73, Grambling St. 54 Alabama A&M vs. Alcorn St., late Western Athletic, Semifinals Grand Canyon vs. New Mexico St., late Abilene Christian vs. Seattle, late

NCAA TOURNEY AUTOMATIC BIDS Bryant: Northeast Chattanooga: Southern Colgate: Patriot League Delaware: Colonial Athletic Gonzaga: West Coast Georgia State: Sun Belt Georgia State: Sun Belt Jacksonville State: Atlantic Sun* Longwood: Big South Loyola Chicago: Missouri Valley Murray State: Ohio Valley South Dakota State: Summit League Wright State: Horizon League America East, Saturday Big 12, Saturday Big 12, Saturday Big Fast Saturday Big East, Saturday Big East, Saturday
Big Sky, Saturday
Big West, Saturday
Conference USA, Saturday
Metro Atlantic Athletic, Saturday
Mid-American, Saturday
Mid-Eastern Athletic, Saturday
Mid-Mountain West, Saturday
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FRIDAY WOMEN'S SCORES FRIDAY WOMEN'S SCORE TOURNAMENTS America East, Championship Albany (NY) 56, Maine 47 Big 12, Quarterinals Oklahoma 80, Kansas 68 Baylor 76, Oklahoma St. 36 Iowa St. 66, West Virginia 60 Kansas St. vs. Texas Jate Kansas St. vs. Texas, late Big Sky, Championship Montana St. 75, N. Arizona 64 Big West, Semifinals Big West, Semifinals
Hawaii 69, UC Riverside 55
UC Irvine 84, UC Davis 75(OT)
Colonial Athletic Assn., Quarterfinals
Drexel 60, Hofstra 39
Coll. of Charleston 70, Elon 59
Delaware 61, William & Mary 35
Northeastern vs. Towson, late
Conference USA, Semifinals
North Texas vs. Charlotte, late
La. Tech vs. Middle Tennessee, late
Ivv League. Semifinals Princeton 72, Harvard 67 Metro Atlantic Athletic, Semifinals Fairfield 75, Niagara 38 Manhattan 72, Quinnipiac 59 Mid-American, Semifinals Mid-American, Semifinals
Ball St. 71, Toledo 66
Buffalo 82, Akron 43
Mid-Eastern Athletic, Semifinals
Howard 68, Md.-Eastern Shore 54
Norfolk St. 53, Morgan St. 51
Missouri Valley, Quarterfinals
S. Illinois 77, Indiana St. 61
Illinois St. 68, Loyola Chicago 52
Drake vs. Missouri St., late
Valnaraiso vs. N. Iowa, late Valparaiso vs. N. Iowa, late Northeast, Semifinal Bryant 44, Fairleigh Dickinson 38 Mount St. Mary's 62, Wagner 50 Mount St. Mary's 62, Wagner 50
Patriot League, Semifinals
American 70, Boston U. 48
Bucknell 64, Navy 44
Southland, Quarterfinals
Incarnate Word 90, McNeese St. 63
SE Louisiana 80, New Orleans 66
Southwestern Athletic, Semifinals
Alabama St. 74, Grambling St. 59
Jackson St. 59, Southern U. 46
Western Athletic, Semifinals
Stephen F. Austin 68, Utah Valley St. 42
Grand Canyon 64, Cal Baptist 60

WOMEN NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS Albany: American East Belmont: Ohio Valley Gonzaga: West Coast Iowa: Big Ten IUPUI: Horizon League Kentucky: Southeastern Longwood: Big South Mercer: Southern Montana State: Big Sky NC State: Atlantic Coast NC State: Atlantic Coast
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South Dakota: Summit League
Stanford: Pac-12
Texas-Arlington: Sun Belt
UConn: Big East
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BASEBALL **SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 Minnesota at Boston Arizona at Colorado **FRIDAY, MARCH 18** Houston at St. Louis Tampa Bay at Boston Toronto at Baltimore Philadelphia at Detroit Minnesota at Atlanta Miami at Washington N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh Cincinnati at Cleveland Colorado at Arizona LA Angels at Oakland Seattle at San Diego Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Kansas City at Texas Milwaukee at LA Dodgers SATURDAY, MARCH 19 N.Y. Mets at Washington Detroit at Pittsburgh Boston at Minnesota Toronto at Philadelphia Atlanta at Tampa Bay Houston at Miami N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore Arizona at LA Angels Oakland at Cincinnati San Diego at Chicago Cubs

LA Dodgers at Seattle

Milwaukee at Texas

San Francisco at Colorado Cleveland at Chicago White Sox

GOLF

PGA TOUR
THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Partial 1st of 4 rounds, TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 7,256 yards; Par: 72, suspended due to weather Tommy Fleetwood 33-33-66 Tom Hoge Kramer Hickok 31 - 35 - 6633-34-67 Joaquin Niemann 32-35-67 Keith Mitchell 33-34-67 Anirban Lahiri Brian Harman 32-35-67 Sam Burns 32-36-68 Abraham Ancer 35-33-68 Taylor Pendrith Kevin Kisner 33 - 35 - 68Harold Varner III Will Zalatoris 34-35-69 Louis Oosthuizen 35-34-69 Cameron Smith Jon Rahm 34-35-69 34-35-69 Jhonattan Vegas 35-34-69 Alex Noren 34-35-69 Andrew Putnam Sam Ryder 36 - 33 - 69Russell Henley 33-36-69 33-36-69 Jason Day Maverick McNealy 38 - 32 - 70Francesco Molinari K.H. Lee 37-33-70 Sebastián Muñoz 35 - 35 - 70Jimmy Walker Paul Casey 34-36-70 31-39-70 Joel Dahmen 36 - 34 - 70Corey Conners Tyrrell Hatton 35-35-70 Lanto Griffin 36 - 34 - 70Pat Perez 35-35-70 Peter Malnati Scott Piercy Chesson Hadley Talor Gooch 34 - 36 - 7036-34-70 Russell Knox 37-34-71 Beau Hosslei 37-34-71 36-35-71 Aaron Wise Doc Redman 37-34-71 Richy Werenski Sergio Garcia 35-36-71 35-36-71 Frik van Rooven 36 - 35 - 71Ryan Palmer Adam Long 37 - 34 - 7134-37-71 Viktor Hovland 37-34-71 Gary Woodland Chris Kirk 34-37-71 36-35-71 Cameron Young 34 - 37 - 71Lee Hodges Mito Pereira 37-35-72 37-35-72 Sungiae Im 37 - 35 - 72Martin Laird Cameron Champ 35-37-72 37-35-72 Patrick Cantlay Brandt Snedeker Matthew Wolff 36 - 36 - 7236-36-72 35-37-72 Hank Lebioda 37 - 35 - 72Hayden Buckley Keegan Bradley 38-34-72 Mackenzie Hughes 37 - 35 - 72Jason Kokrak Wyndham Clark 36-36-72 35-38-73 Kevin Streelman 34 - 39 - 73Roger Sloan Patrick Reed 37-36-73 40-33-73 Patrick Rodgers 35-38-73Kevin Tway Dylan Frittelli 39-34-73 40-33-73 Shane Lowry 38 - 35 - 7339-34-73 36-37-73 Ian Poulter Henrik Norlander **Brian Stuard** 36 - 37 - 73Lee Westwood Cameron Tringale 39-34-73 36-37-73 Thomas Pieters 33-40-73J.J. Spaun Hudson Swafford 37-36—73 39-34—73 +2 Charley Hoffman 35-39-74 Kyle Stanley 37 - 37 - 7437-37-74 Garrick Higgo +2 +2 +2 Lucas Glover 40-34-74 Matt Fitzpatrick 36-38-74 James Hahn

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Texas A&M's Quenton Jackson dunks the ball against Auburn during a quarterfinal game of the SEC Tournament on Friday at Amalie Arena, ANDY LYONS/GETTY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Yells before the madness

Associated Press

Texas A&M isn't done reviving its season after an arduous, month-long tailspin threatened its chances of earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

The Aggies improved to 7-1 since an eight-game skid, bolstering their case to get at least an at-large berth with a 67-62 victory over fourth-ranked Auburn in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament on Friday.

"It's something that we needed to go through. Everything that we went through earlier in the season literally has prepared us for now. Every game that we lost was a test," Aggies leading scorer Quenton Jackson said.

"At some point you've got to pass the test," Jackson added. "You study, you study, you study, you study. We failed eight times. But the ninth time, we won."

Tyrece Radford scored 19 points and Jackson made five throws in the final minute Friday as the Aggies avenged a 75-58 loss in February to the SEC regular-season champions and advanced to Saturday's semifinals against No. 15 Arkansas.

Tennessee rolls: Josiah-Jordan James led five players in double figures 16 points, 14 of them during a six-minute stretch in which ninth-ranked Tennessee pulled away to a 72-59 victory over Mississippi State in the quarterfinals of the SEC tournament on Friday.

The Volunteers (24-7) won for the 10th time in 11 games to advance to Saturday's semifinals against either No. 5 Kentucky or Vanderbilt. Kennedy Chandler had 11 points for Tennessee despite missing time in the first and second half after suffering what appeared to be a right foot or ankle injury. He finished the game, though, making a layup for the final margin of victory.

Houston advances in the **AAC:** Houston looked more like itself in the second half, with the 18th-ranked Cougars counting on big man Fabian White Jr. to finish off their American Athletic Conference tournament opener.

White was 5-of-7 shooting while scoring 11 of his 18 points after halftime, and finished with eight rebounds, as the Cougars overcame a 10-point deficit to beat Cincinnati 69-56 in an AAC quarterfinal game Friday.

Murray leads lowa by Rutgers: Keegan Murray had 26 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 24 Iowa to a 84-74 victory over Rutgers in the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals on Friday. Fifth-seeded Iowa will meet ninthseeded Indiana in Saturday's semifinals.

Arkansas tops LSU for the third time: Au'Diese Toney, JD Notae and their Arkansas teammates watched LSU's interviews over and over again Thursday, taking note every time the Tigers insisted they wanted to play the Razorbacks for a third time this season.

It was all the motivation Arkansas needed.

"Like, they want to play us?" Notae quipped.

Fueled by the perceived slight, the 15th-ranked Razorbacks delivered their most-lopsided victory in three games against LSU, a 79-67 victory that sent Arkansas to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament.

IN BRIEF

Jays will not host any unvaccinated players

News services

Major League Baseball players who are not vaccinated against the coronavirus won't be allowed to travel into Canada to face the Blue Jays in Canada and won't be paid for those games.

Canada's government requires a person must have received a second vaccine dose — or one dose of Johnson & Johnson — at least 14 days prior to entry.

The provision that they won't be paid is contained in a side letter between MLB and the players' association, and was first reported by Boston television station WCVB.

The Blue Jays open at home against the Rangers on April 8. ■ Dodgers pitcher Trevor

Bauer's administrative leave was extended Friday for a week by MLB and the players' association. The extension begins Sunday, the mandatory reporting date for spring training, and runs through March 19. Bauer will not report to spring training during the extension or before the mandatory reporting date. He was placed on seven days' paid leave July 2 under the union and MLB's joint domestic violence and sexual assault policy after a Southern California woman said he choked her into unconsciousness, punched her repeatedly and had anal sex with her without her consent during two sexual encounters earlier last

NFL: The Cowboys waived tight end Blake Jarwin and released kicker Greg Zuerlein on Friday, moves that bring modest savings under the salary cap. ... Browns center JC Tretter has been re-elected for a second term as president of the NFL Players Association.

NHL: The Stars have signed forward Joe Pavelski to a \$5.5 million, one-year contract extension. The 37-vear-old leads the team with 37assists (37) and 59 points

Tennis: Andy Murray outlasted qualifier Taro Daniel 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday in the first round of the BNP Paribas Open for his 700th career victory.

UCONN MEN'S HOCKEY

Seniors lead squad into quarterfinals against Boston U.

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

For UConn's seniors, there is one last game at the XL Center, one last chance to take the program to places it has never been.

"If you look at from freshman year to now, we all know that we've accomplished so much," UConn senior center Carter Turnbull said. 'But we all know that we're not done. We don't want to be done.

"I would love to be the first to get to The Garden [in Boston] and raise that trophy as the first UConn

The Huskies earned the No. 4 seed and a home game to start the Hockey East playoffs. UConn faces No. 5 seed Boston University (19-12-3, 13-8-3 Hockey East) in the quarterfinals at the XL Center on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.. The winner advances to the conference semifinals next weekend in

UConn (18-15) went 14-10 with 41 points in conference play, the

best the program has done since joining the premier hockey conference in 2014.

"This class has just continued to build off what we started in Hockey East," UConn coach Mike Cavanagh said Friday. "They've gotten better; they've had more wins than any senior class at Connecticut in Hockey East. They were the first class to be ranked in two separate years. So in a lot of ways, no matter what happens tomorrow, they are by far the most successful class we've had here at UConn.

"I can't thank them enough, and I want them to really enjoy the experience and have no regrets."

Before this group of seniors arrived the Huskies made the Hockey East quarterfinals in 2018 and were eliminated by Boston University. In the four years since they have played in only one playoff game, a 6-1 loss to Providence a year ago.

The senior Huskies missed the playoffs their freshman year, and as sophomore they saw their season shut down due to COVID-19 in March 2020.

"Yeah, we lost last season, but we've kind of got to roll with it, learn from it," Turnbull said. There's a little something in the back of the head that you just want to get that first win. I think that will fuel us this Saturday."

Turnbull, a 5-foot-8 forward from Nanaimo, British Columbia, had two goals and two assists as the Huskies split their final two regular-season games against Vermont. He finished the regular season

with 11 goals and four assists. Over his career he has played in 119 games with 34 goals and 25 assists and was named to the conference's all-academic team three times. A couple of weeks ago Turnbull was switched from wing to

Gatcomb and Jonny Evans, his teammate for eight years with the Powell River Kings in the B.C. Hockey League and at UConn. "They're awesome to play with,"

Turnbull said. "All week long we

center on a line with seniors Marc

work on stuff, we build chemistry."

UConn came out of the Connecticut Ice tournament in January and won five of six games to crack the national rankings, then lost three in a row before winning on Senior Day at the XL Center last

The Huskies have faced Boston University three times: losing 2-1 in Hartford on Oct. 8, winning 5-1 in Boston on Oct. 9 and losing 2-1 in OT in Hartford on Jan. 14. The Terriers feature strong goaltending from Drew Commesso, who has returned from the Olympics, where he was the youngest starting goalie ever for Team USA at 19 in a shutout of China. He was in goal all three games against UConn.

Darion Hanson, who was a Hockey East All-Star honorable mention, has started 32 of 33 games in goal for the Huskies. The grad transfer had postseason experience at Union.

The Huskies also have sophomore Ryan Tverberg (13 goals, 18 assists), who is a 2021-22 Hockey

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT LATE THURSDAY

East first-eam All-Star, and second-teamer Jachym Kondelik (11 goals, 20 assists). Kondelik was also voted the conference's top defensive forward.

"Honestly, I think it's just not overhyping these games," Hanson said. "The stakes are higher, but that's something that's outside. This is a massive game for us, yeah, but that's more important for writers than it is for us, and we have to keep that in mind."

Playing a win-or-go-home game like it is any other matchup could serve UConn well in trying to make its own hockey history against a program that has made a lot of it, including 22 Frozen Four appear-

"I told the kids this week they don't call it the 'worried-offs,' they don't call it 'the afraid-off,' they call it the playoffs," Cavanaugh said. "And the teams that play [relaxed] have the best chance to win."

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East Hartford's Shailyn Pinkney (21) and Kayla Henry, right, go up for a rebound against Middletown's Jada Bryant, center, in the Class LL semifinals on Friday night at New Britain High School, LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT

Girls

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halftime.

After halftime, East Hartford didn't let up. Pinkney had her team's first six points and after she hit a 3-pointer midway through the third, it was 44-17.

We got it to 17-11 and then they went on that little run to end the half," Middletown coach Rob Smernoff said. "It seemed like everything they shot went in. Credit to them. They were fantastic. I don't know if it was the moment got to us but when you play a great team and they're on, it's tough to beat them."

Wilton defeats Enfield

ACC TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK - Paolo

Banchero had 18 points and

11 rebounds and No. 7 Duke

held off Miami with free

throws in the final minute

as the Blue Devils and retir-

ing coach Mike Krzyzewski

advanced to the Atlantic

Coast Conference champi-

Associated Press

Leah Martins had 20 points, including six 3-pointers, as Wilton beat Enfield 48-37

in the second game of the doubleheader Friday night. Enfield was led by Amyah Rosado (15 points) and Alyssa Rossignol added 12.

"Our game plan was to keep them off the free throw line and limit their second chance points." Enfield coach Jay Gaucher said. "They beat us on the glass tonight and we put them at the free throw line a bunch.

We had 14 points in the first half. That's uncharacteristic for us. We didn't execute great on the offensive end."

Enfield led 8-1 after the first quarter but Wilton outscored the Eagles 21-6 in the second quarter to take a 22-14 halftime lead. Enfield cut the lead to 33-31 with 4:55 in the fourth quarter on a basket by Megan Marcotte but Martins hit three consecutive 3-pointers to put Wilton up comfortably.

Coach K's 22nd appearance

conference-record 15 ACC

24 points to lead the Hurri-

canes (23-10), who beat

the Blue Devils on the road

earlier this season and appear

to be in solid shape for an

Krzyzewski has won a

Kameron McGusty scored

in the ACC title game.

championships.

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Huskies come through with best defense, defeat Seton Hall in quarterfinals, 62-52

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

NEW YORK - UConn coach Dan Hurley challenged his team to play elite defense the rest of the

On Thursday, the UConn men's basketball team responded with one of its best defensive performances

The Huskies defeated Seton Hall 62-52 in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals at Madison Square Garden. Tyrese Martin and R.J. Cole each had 17 points. Andre Jackson finished with six points, six rebounds and four assists.

Martin played bully ball to perfection in a game where the offense was hard to come by. He used his upper body strength to back down players and make pivotal

Jackson made his impact felt everywhere in the first half. He controlled the offensive tempo, made pivotal shots and forced turnovers. He had four points, four

LATE THURSDAY:
UCONN 62, SETON HALL 52
Seton Hall M FG FT RB A
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Three-point goals: 7-19, 36.8(Cale 3-3, Harris 2-5, Rhoden 1-2, Yetna 1-4, Samuel 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Richmond 0-2). FG pct.: 35.7. FT pct.: 55.6. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 11(Obiagu 3, Richmond 2, Yetna 2, Harris 2, Jackson, Samuel). Blocks: 6 (Obiagu 5, Jackson). Steals: 7(Richmond 3, Cale 2, Yetna, Samuel).

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| Martin | 37 | 6-14 | 4-4 | 8 | 4 | 1 | |
| Cole | 36 | 6-12 | 2-2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| Whaley | 29 | 4-12 | 2-2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | |
| Jackson | 37 | 2-7 | 1-3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | |
| Sanogo | 35 | 2-11 | 2-2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | |
| Polley | 16 | 2-5 | 1-1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Gaffney | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Diggins | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Springs | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Johnson | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
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FT pct.: 85.7. Team rebounds: 7. Turnovers: 10 (Martin 4, Cole 2, Sanogo 2, Whaley, Jackson). Blocks: 7(Whaley 4, Martin, Jackson, Sanogo). Steals: 5(Martin 2, Jackson 2, Cole). 18 34 - 52 29 33 - 62

rebounds, three assists, two steals and one block in the

at Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.

Officials: Chiazza, O'Connell, Driscoll. Att.: 19,812

opening 20 minutes.

"The stat sheet lies a lot sometimes in-game impact," Hurley said. "That guy's (Jackson) game impact he had six (points), four (assists) and six (rebounds) and a couple steals. You can't take your eyes off Andre when he's playing. He just had such a huge impact all over the court."

UConn's defense was a sight to behold in the first half. The Huskies got in the Seton Hall players' air space, swarmed the ball and rotated well, leading to tough shots for the Pirates. The Huskies held Seton Hall to 7-for-28 (25%) shooting from the field. UConn held the Pirates to 18 points in the first half, the lowest-scoring half by any Big East opponent against them this

"I think we made everything really hard on them." Hurley said. "At the rim, we made everything really challenging on them... We just had a better plan and made things harder on those

Creighton

season-best 26 points in the quarterfinals, managed only five on 2-for-7 shooting in a one-sided matchup with the 7-foot-1 Kalkbrenner, the Big East defensive player of the

In their only previous matchup this season, Providence clinched the Big East regular-season crown with a 72-51 blowout of Creighton before a frenzied home crowd on Feb. 26.

"We played them on a night when I'm not sure the Golden State Warriors could have went in there and won," Bluejays coach Greg McDermott said Thursday. "That place was electric. And the town was rocking. And they kind of pounced on us late in that first half. We weren't really able to get our footing."

The other scheduled meeting was canceled because of COVID-19 protocols. But the rematch was much different.

"Our guys have a lot of pride," McDermott

STATE COLLEGES ROUNDUP

Quinnipiac eliminated; Fairfield advances to MAAC title game

Staff reports

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. -The second-seeded Quinnipiac women's basketball team allowed Manhattan to jump out to a sizable early lead and couldn't catch up in a 72-59 loss in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference semifinals on Friday.

The Jaspers took the advantage, outscoring the Bobcats 27-13 in the first Cur'Tiera Haywood came

off the bench to lead Quinnipiac with 16 points and added six rebounds. Mikala Morris was the only other Bobcats player to reach double figures with 10.

Brazil Harvey-Carr had 22 points and nine rebounds and Dee Dee Davis 21 points to lead Manhattan, which will face Fairfield for the MAAC title and an NCAA berth on Saturday.

Quinnipiac ends its season at 20-11 and 14-6.

Fairfield 75, Niagara 38:

The top-seeded Lady Stags overcame a sluggish start with a 15-2 second quarter and rolled to the MAAC semifinal win and a berth in the championship game against Manhattan.

Fairfield (24-6, 19-1) was led by 14 points each from Lou Lopez-Senechal and Sydney Lowery. Andrea Hernangomez had eight points and 10 rebounds.

It will be Fairfield's first trip to the conference final in 10 years.



Duke reaches final in Coach K's final tourney

Top-seeded Duke (28-5)

will face the winner of the

second semifinal between

third-seeded North Carolina

and seventh-seeded Virginia

Tech in Saturday night's

championship at Barclays

AJ Griffin scored 21 points,

including three free throws

Friday night.

Center.

Safety Tip of the Day

When it's foggy, be especially alert for animals while driving. White tail deer in particular feel emboldened by foggy conditions.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

No indictment for Texans' Watson



A grand jury on Friday declined to indict Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson following a police investigation sparked by lawsuits filed by 22 women who have accused him of sexual assault and harassment. The grand jury's decision came about a year after the women first filed their suits, accusing Watson of

exposing himself, touching them with his penis or kissing them against their will during massage appointments. One woman alleged Watson forced her to perform oral sex. Houston police began investigating Watson in April 2021 after a criminal complaint was filed. The FBI also was reviewing the allegations. Prosecutors presented evidence and testimony to the grand jury for over six hours on Friday related to nine criminal complaints against Watson, Johna Stallings, chief of the adult sex crimes and trafficking division with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, said. She declined to say what possible charges were presented to the grand jury for consideration. Stallings said that decision ended criminal proceedings related to Watson in Harris County, where Houston is located.

British sanctions could sink Chelsea



Lavish spending, sustained only by the investment of Roman Abramovich, pictured, funded Chelsea's 21 trophies during his 19 years as owner. Now there are fears the Premier League club could run out of money after the British government sanctioned the Russian oligarch and froze his assets.

A team that won the Champions League last year and was crowned world champions by FIFA a month ago has now had some banking facilities frozen with officials unable to use corporate credit cards while Barclaycard assesses what is permitted under government rules. Chelsea is only allowed to continue operating and playing games under conditions set out by the government through a special license, with caps on spending and a prohibition on selling tickets that will impair the cash flow for a club with a last published wage bill of almost 28 million pounds (\$36 million) a month. Chelsea officials spent Friday in talks with the government to discuss how the club can continue to pay staff, operate Stamford Bridge on matchdays and ensure the club can be sold.

Russia set to fight isolation in sports

Russia stepped up its legal fight against isolation in sports because of the war in Ukraine when its national Olympic body made an urgent appeal Friday to overturn a ban on its athletes competing at a European youth winter sports festival. The Court of Arbitration for Sport said it was setting a timetable for the case ahead of the Winter European Youth Olympic Festival being held in Finland from March 20-25. Russian officials had promised to challenge athlete bans imposed by most Olympic sports bodies this month, though no appeal to CAS has been announced relating to the figure skating world championships which start March 21. The International Skating Union is organizing that event in Montpellier, France. The appeal by the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) challenges the European Olympic Committees, whose executive committee decided on March 2 to exclude Russian and Belarusian athletes. CAS said Friday the ROC has not asked for an interim ruling — so-called "provisional measures" — to freeze the ban, suggesting the full merits of the case could be decided over the next week. The appeal joins Russian soccer in going to CAS to push back against the country's sporting isolation after the invasion of Ukraine.

Fore-cast: Players hit hard by rain

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The Players Championship delivered only four hours of golf Friday before rain saturated the TPC Sawgrass, assuring the PGA Tour's premier event will not end until Monday.

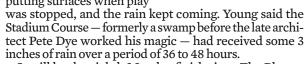
So much for Saturday being "moving day." Based on the forecast of overnight rain and raging wind,

the tour said there was no chance of even making the cut until Sunday.

Play was stopped at 11:15 a.m. The conditions and the forecast were so bad the first round was not scheduled to resume until 11 a.m. Saturday, and that was described as a best-case scenario.

"The golf course has just reached a point of saturation, and unfortunately the weather conditions are not providing us any relief," said Gary Young, the chief referee of The Players.

Puddles formed on the putting surfaces when play



Rory McIlroy tries to stay dry during The Players Championship on Friday.

GERALD HERBERT/AP

It will be the eighth Monday finish since The Players Championship began in 1974, and the first since 2005. All the Monday finishes have occurred in March. The Players was held in May for 12 years until returning to its earlier date in 2019.

But it's never been as disjointed as this. The opening round was delayed an hour at the start,

and then was suspended for 4 hours, 15 minutes. Thursday ended with Ian Poulter running from tee-to-green on the par-317th so he could tee off on the 18th and assure his group could finish before darkness.

There's a good chance Poulter might not hit another shot until Sunday morning.

Only 96 players from the 144-man field have finished 18 holes.

Tommy Fleetwood and Tom Hoge finished on Thursday and each posted a 6-under 66. At best, they won't start the second round until late Saturday afternoon.

Brice Garnett holed out for eagle from the fourth fairway and was at 6 under with five holes to play when he returns Saturday. Daniel Berger was among those at 5 under, and he was

the first sign the conclusion of the opening round might have to wait. He was just short of the par-511th green when he called for an official because of water in the area where he wanted to land his pitch.

Out came the squeegees, and a delay waiting for them to move away the water. Jordan Spieth's second shot into the 12th was in the middle of a puddle, and he stood over his mark as the squeegee crew cleared away the water.

Dustin Johnson had three birdies in his opening four

holes and went out in 32 before the wet greens twice fooled him and led to three-putt bogeys — a 40-foot putt he left well short on the 10th, a downhill putt from 30 feet that ran 6 feet by on the 13th. Berger figured them out. He holed a 40-foot birdie putt

from the fringe on No. 12 and, just as important, hit a beautiful lag putt from 50 feet on the 13th. He followed with birdie putts from 18 feet and 15 feet to reach 5 under. Johnson was at 4 under when he walked off the green

at the par-5 16th with the rain falling harder than it had all morning. Johnson is among the fastest players in golf (until he gets to the green), but not on this occasion. He took his time as he stared at the island green of the par-3 17th in a driving rain. He fiddled with his glove. He slowly reached into his bag for a rain jacket.

A horn to stop play was coming, just not fast enough. He finally hit wedge near the hole and was happy it spun back only 20 feet.

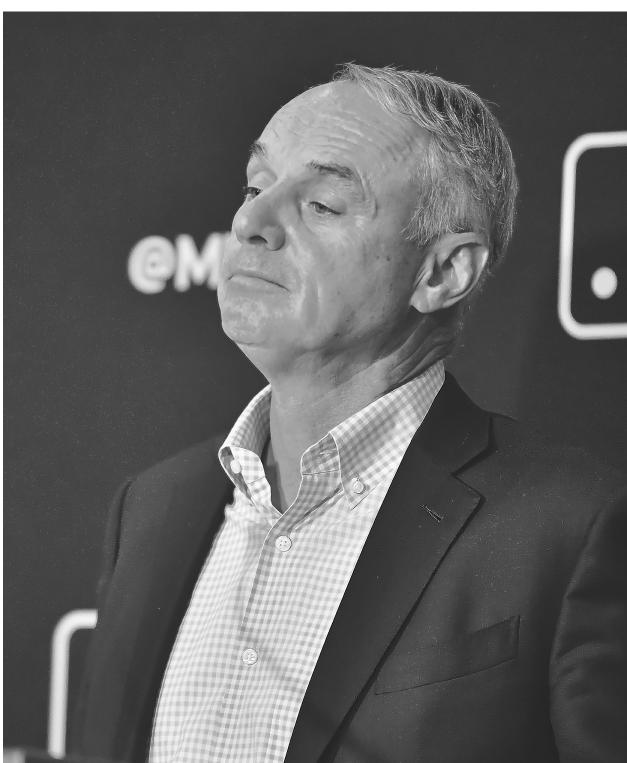
And then play was stopped before he putted. Standing in a tunnel beneath the bleachers, Johnson talked about his timing with having to hit the tee shot, but had no complaints.

"I will take that shot just where it is," he said with a big

Spieth illustrated why the island green is not really an island. His tee shot was a little long and a little left, and it caught the walkway and rolled down the slope as it hugged the edge. Because players can lift, clean and place golf balls in closely mown areas, he didn't have to stand on the wooden frame to attempt his pitch. He barely got it on the green, and chose to mark his ball. It will be nearly 24 hours before Spieth, who was 2 under, hits his par putt.

That wasn't the only good break for Spieth. He was in under the edge of a palmetto bush right of the 12th fairway, with no option but to go sideways to the fairway. He hit a tree on the 15th and dropped down into a flower bush, from where he could only hack out.

In both cases, the ball was embedded. He received a drop one club length away. Two embedded balls, two pars. And still a long way to go before this tournament takes shape.



MLB commissioner Rob Manfred answers questions during an owner's meeting on Feb. 10 in Orlando. JULIO AGUILAR/GETTY

MLB

Stand the test of time

True evaluation of deal to come for players in 2026

By Ronald Blum Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now comes the test: Will baseball players be happy with their new collective bargaining agree-

ment in 2026? They clearly were unhappy with the just-expired five-year contract, which saw payrolls drop to their lowest level since 2015. The agreement reached Thursday raises the competitive-balance tax threshold by \$34 million over five years, up from a \$21 million hike over the 2017-21 deal and an \$11 million rise from 2011-16.

"I think that the MLBPA historically has wanted a market-based system. Over multiple negotiations that has been a primary objective of theirs," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said after Thursday's deal ended a 99-day lockout.

"Markets produce market results. And I think that the changes that were made in this agreement moved dramatically in their direction on topics like the CBT threshold, and I think you'll probably see a little different market results as a result of the changes.

Players and management have had tense relations in recent years. Manfred said he hopes to improve that.

"I expect there to be disagreements, particularly when the interests and passions that the players have for protecting the game and the integrity of it is as strong as it is," union head Tony Clark said Friday.

Young star players were the biggest

beneficiary of the deal. Shohei Ohtani earned \$545.000 in 2018, when he was voted AL Rookie of the Year. Had the new agreement been in place then, he would have earned an additional \$750,000. Cody Bellinger was at \$605,000 in 2019, when he won NL MVP. Under the new deal, he would have gotten an extra \$2.5 million.

The minimum salary goes from \$570,500 to \$700,000, a 22.7% rise that is the largest in a season since 2003.

The union also hopes the deal boosts the middle: The median salary was \$1.15 million at the start of last season, according to calculations by The Associated Press, down 30% from the \$1.65 million record high at the start of 2015.

'The deal pushes the game forward," Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole, a member of the union's executive subcommittee, said. "It addresses a lot of the things that the players in the game should be focused on: the competitive integrity aspect of it."

Veteran players in leadership hoped to get more. The union's executive subcommittee voted 8-0 against the deal: Zack Britton, Jason Castro, Cole, Francisco Lindor, Andrew Miller, James Paxton, Max Scherzer and Marcus Semien. Five of the eight are represented by agent Scott Boras, and Castro, at \$3.5 million, is the only one of the eight who earned under \$12 million last year. Team player representatives voted 26-4 in favor, leaving the overall player executive committee vote 26-12 to approve.

You call it a division, I call it a healthy dialogue and conversation," Clark said. "From our standpoint, the process worked. Each group and each team, each player, have had an opportunity to engage their team and and voice their particular vote against the backdrop of the other 25 members or 39 members, I guess I should say, of their club. The individual subcommittee members who were invested from start to finish, who were pushing to make the gains that we all wanted to make, they offered their vote against the backdrop of that democratic

Clark and Manfred notably did not have a joint news conference.

"I spoke to Tony after their ratification vote. I told him that I thought we had a great opportunity for the game in front of us," Manfred said. "One of the things that I'm supposed to do is promote a good relationship with our players. I've tried to do that. I think that I have not been successful in that. I think that it begins with small steps.'

The union pushed for and gained an amateur draft lottery in an effort to spur competition and provisions to discourage service time manipulation.

"The metrics that we used in analyzing the system leading up to this negotiation suggested to us the changes that needed to be made and the issues that needed to be addressed. And we looked to address them and did address them at the table," Clark said. "As a result, we'll determine here how the system responds to what we believe the fixes needed to be and address them accord-

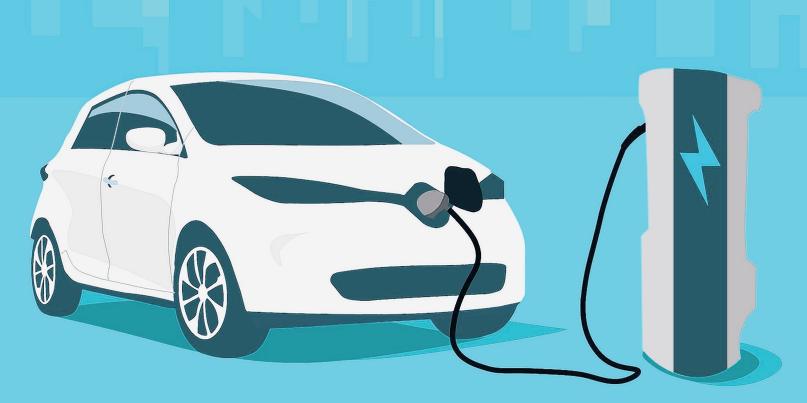
ingly at the end of the five-year term." Clark said Manfred called him on Thursday to congratulate him on the union's ratification vote.

"There's a lot of work to do moving forward with respect to where our game is at and where it needs to head," Clark said.

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When EVs rule the road

Onetime industry sales and marketing star betting on business of charging electric vehicles



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By Jamie Lincoln Kitman The New York Times

"The sexy stuff is the vehicles themselves. Obvi-

So says Mark LaNeve, a longtime auto executive who, after a brief retirement, threw his lot in with Charge Enterprises. With the trickle of electric vehicles hitting American roads poised to become a steadier flow this year, his company is betting on the business that will help charge those vehicles. It is offering a nationwide soup-tonuts service that provides siting, planning, permitting and construction of EV charging stations.

"Tesla's been dominant, but now everybody else is getting into the fray," said LaNeve, who is 62 and based in Detroit. "And there's a lot of excitement around the new Hummer, Mustang Mach-E, Ford Lightning, the Silverado and Rivians. People are starting to pay attention to the chargers, too. But no one pays any attention to this: You've got to install this stuff. You've got to engineer it, and we think it's a huge business if done right and done at scale."

LaNeve made his bones in an industry powered by fossil fuels. A onetime C-suite sales and marketing star at Cadillac and Ford and, for three years, Volvo's North American chief executive, he joined Charge last year. The company, based in New York, has expanded its initial focus — building out wireless communications infrastructure - with its EV push.

"I basically ran sales and marketing at General Motors and Ford — Big Three, Fortune 100 companies — and enjoyed it immensely," LaNeve, now Charge's president, said during a recent interview. "Got to do things I never



Mark LaNeve, chief executive of Charge Enterprises, at his office Feb. 22 in Michigan. JAROD LEW/THE NEW YORK TIMES

dreamed of, frankly. But about four years ago, we had a Tesla in the fleet at Ford. As a kind of a traditional war horse in the auto industry, I didn't want to like it. I'm like, 'What's going on here?' And I had it for about three days, and I've got to tell you, I freaking loved it. And I told everybody there, 'Guys, this is the future."

Rick Wagoner, the former GM chairman who is on the board of Charge-Point Holdings, which operates charging stations nationally, introduced LaNeve to Andrew Fox, one of Charge's founders and its chief executive. LaNeve sensed an opportunity.

The \$7.5 billion allocated for charging stations in the bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by Congress last year, he said, only increased his optimism.

With carmakers and state and federal government entities increasingly looking to combat carbon emissions with electric vehicles, one of the major sticking points to their widespread adoption remains the nation's undersized and spotty charging infrastructure. That concern was reflected in the infrastructure bill's call for 500,000 additional EV chargers.

According to the Energy Department, there are roughly 50,000 (overnight or workday) Level 2 charger locations in service in the United States and Canada, and about 7.000 Level 3 fast charger locations, of which 1,400 are part of Tesla's supercharging network. (Level 1 charging for the current and future generations of EVs is painfully slow.)

Fox, who founded the company in 2003 with Craig Denson and Kenneth Orr, compared the current moment in EV charging to one that faced cellphone makers 35-plus years ago. "Just as cellphone utilization was starting out when utilization was relatively low and they were still a novelty item -

over the next 30 years we believe that the infrastructure for EV charging is going to mimic the range coverage that you have now with the cellphone industry," he said.

Samuel Abuelsamid, principal analyst with Guidehouse Insights, an advisory firm specializing in infrastructure, concurs with that assessment. "There's certainly a big, addressable market for this type of service," he said. 'This whole area is something that's going to be critically important, as you've got all these automakers making huge plans to build and hopefully sell millions of EVs in the next five to 10 years."

While many current EV owners tend to be affluent and can arrange to do most of their charging off street and overnight in their own garages with slower Level 2 chargers, Abuelsamid noted, "the vast majority of Americans don't ever buy a new vehicle in their lifetime — about three and a half times as many used vehicles are sold every year as new."

"As you grow the EV market, more of them move into the used vehicle market," he continued. "A lot of these customers are not going to be able to charge at home. They will need public charging infrastructure. So you need to build that out. And companies like Charge are going to be important — helping to figure out where can you locate chargers, especially for DC fast charging, where you need quite a bit of electrical capacity going into the location."

Securing regulatory approvals and reliable local contractors is also necessary, he said.

Deciding to piggyback charging onto Charge's cellular communications business was a crucial

"EV charging is a separate infrastructure, but we didn't want to vaporize a ton of investor dollars to build this business," he said. "And so we've acquired companies that were providing infrastructure services for telecommunication, because it turns out maybe it's not the exact same worker, but it's the same type of work, running cables."

move, said Fox, 49.

Reporting revenue of \$357 million in the first three quarters of 2021, Charge now trades over the counter (as CRGE) but is uplisting to Nasdaq. In January, Charge also added EV Group Holdings, which focuses on real estate assets for commercial fleet operators needing charging depots, to its portfolio.

Like LaNeve, who grew up as the son and grandson of steelworkers in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Fox, raised in the New York City borough of Queens, credits blue-collar roots — his father was a union electrician — for his approach to business.

"We want to service and pull the whole country into EV," he said. "And so we've got this unglamorous work to do."

Fox and LaNeve anticipate that 8 million to 10 million chargers will be installed across the country over the next 15 or so years. They foresee a constantly changing parade of new technologies and a broad array of places where charging stations might be located, including hotels, supermarkets, health clubs and office buildings.

"There's going to be a lot of interesting partners and models" that emerge, LaNeve said. "But if you think about a gas station," he said, "it's got 10 pumps. When do they make a move that two of those become fast chargers?"

Edmunds recommends custom ordering your next car from the factory

By Ronald Montoya Associated Press

It has been difficult to find a new car in today's market, which has been plagued by chip shortages and supply chain issues. Many dealership lots are looking bare, and the few cars they carry might not have the options you need or are more expensive than you planned on spending. Luckily, the experts at Edmunds have a workaround for you.

A build-to-order vehicle

from the factory ensures you get the exact car, color and option combination that you want and is a little-known method to save time tracking down a vehicle that fits your needs.

far more common these

This special-order vehicle, as it is sometimes called, is usually arranged at the dealership, but for some brands, an online order is the only way to purchase one. It is also a way to circumvent the so-called market adjustments, which have become

days. While you may not necessarily get a discount with a custom order, this can be a way to get a better deal.

"I was surprised by how easy it was," said Dillon Griffith, a Fresno, California, native who custom ordered a Subaru Outback in 2021. "I sat down with the salesman and he walked me through the order guide," he added.

So what's the catch? You'll need patience for the process, as it can take six to eight weeks for a domestic-built vehicle, roughly

three months for a vehicle built overseas, and even longer than that if you want an electric vehicle from lower-volume companies like Tesla, Lucid or Rivian. In Griffith's case, he was told about three to four months and his Subaru arrived near

the end of that timeframe. If you can plan ahead and be patient with the process, ordering your next vehicle from the factory can give you more options and potentially a better price than buying off the dealer lot.



A build-to-order vehicle from the factory ensures you get the exact car that you want. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP 2021**



The 2022 Hyundai Tucson. DREW PHILLIPS/HYUNDAI

AUTO REVIEW

2022 Tucson is a contender for best compact crossover

By Larry Printz Tribune News Service

Well, where did this

come from? Hyundai's Tucson was always a decent competitor, but for 2022 it has blossomed into a vehicle that's far more than competi-

tive; it heads to the top of the compact crossover class. Well, almost. I still have a place in my heart for the Mazda CX-5. No automaker better marries agility with an upscale elan and reasonable price.

But a case can be made that the redesigned 2022 Hyundai Tucson is nipping at the CX-5's heels while outclassing many of its mainstream competitors, including the Toyota RAV-4. Nissan Rogue. Honda CR-V and Ford Escape and Ford Bronco Sport.

Yup, it's that good. Let's start with its face, where triangular diamondshaped LED headlights blend with the similar shaped grille texture, allowing them to disappear somewhat. That angularity reappears throughout the Tucson's body shell, a look the company calls "parametric design." It certainly lends the vehicle a dynamic, modern appearance. The whole look hangs together a whole lot better than the larger Santa Fe, with a dynamic sporty

2022 Hyundai Tucson Limited

Base price: \$25,500-\$36,500 Engine: 2.5-liter four-cylinder

Horsepower/torque: 187/178 pound-feet EPA fuel economy (city/ **highway):** 24/29 mpg Observed fuel economy: 25 mpg Length/width/height: 182.3/73.4/65.6 inches **Ground clearance:** 8.3 inches Cargo capacity:

38.7-74.7 cubic feet

demeanor that's quite fetching.

Climb inside, and you'll be treated to a very stylish interior, with fit and finish that's a clearly superior to what we've come to expect from a Tucson. Door trim wraps into the instrument panel, with seams lining up, a particularly difficult manufacturing feat.

The interior has a distinctly modernist vibe, with a push-button automatic transmission shifter, and a 10.3-inch touchscreen (an 8-inch screen is standard) with standard Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capability. But you'll have to make do with the smaller 8-inch screen if you want wireless Apple CarPlay, Below it is a touch-sensitive climate

control panel all nestled in a center stack that feels more upmarket than you'd expect. It even comes with built-in nature sounds, so if the sound of a gentle rain relaxes you, you can play it while driving.

Beyond its design, this new Tucson is larger and roomier than the 2021 model. The added space is immediately apparent when you climb into the saddle, where head and leg room are plentiful. Rear seat space proves generous as well, and the cabin remains remarkably quiet at speed.

While you might wish for more power, you will appreciate the Tucson's handling.

It makes for a surprisingly adept dance partner, confidently tackling corners with the utmost poise and accurate steering. Its firm suspension ably soaks up most bumps. But the Tucson's most impressive trait is its demeanor at highway speed, providing an aura that punches above its status.

It makes for a compact crossover that's among the best you can buy in its class. It's a true surprise, although in retrospect it shouldn't be. Hyundai is firing on all cylinders these days, and the 2022 Hyundai Tucson is proof of its continued excellence.

Continue to monitor oil leak



Bob Weber Motormouth

O: I have a 2014 Honda Civic with 32,000 miles. During a routine maintenance, the dealer told me they spotted a leak in the rear breather cover and that it would be \$650 to repair. I wanted a second opinion as the oil level was not low and I had not noticed any oil leaks on my garage floor or in my driveway. Later, another dealer noticed this same leak and another one and quoted just over \$1,100 to repair both. The thing is, the level does not go down and I see no evidence of leaks in my garage or driveway. I can accept that the leak(s) is there, but does it need to be repaired?

- J.F., Coralville, Iowa **A:** The plate, on the back of the engine may leak, or rather, ooze oil. It is not uncommon. If you see no oil on your garage floor, the leak is minor. To fix it, the cover must be removed and resealed. Sounds easy but is very labor intensive. Continue to monitor the dipstick and if the level drops or there are drops on the floor, consider the fix.

Q: You stated it costs \$20-\$40 per week to charge an electric vehicle at home. Don't you mean per month?

- J.C., Warrenville, Illinois A: Oops. Yup. I must have been thinking about my fee for writing the column.

Q: My wife and I are extreme car buffs, and we have a million questions to ask you. We own a 2020 Genesis G80 in Havana Red with a 3.3-liter turbo engine. I want to buy the highest octane fuel and she wants to buy the low-octane fuel. Since cost is not an issue,



If you suspect a leak, keep an eye on oil levels. DREAMSTIME

because we don't drive the car that much, what are the advantages and disadvantages of buying the high-octane fuel? Again, cost is not an issue. One question down and 999,999 to go. - J&G. J., Chicago

A: I'm your man and will answer all of your questions at \$1 each — after this one which is gratis. Unless your car specifies high-octane fuel, the biggest benefit to buying premium gasoline is to the oil company. You are guaranteed to waste money. Both grades have about the same energy content, but high-octane gas allows for high compression engines, which could be damaged by pre-ignition. We call that engine knock.

Q: My friend has a 2004 Lexus 300 with 37,000 miles on it in pristine condition. She is a mature woman who obviously does not drive much. I bought her a trickle charger as her battery drains if she does not drive weekly. I also bought her a new battery a few months ago, but the problem still happens if the charger is not hooked up. The dealer just said that happens and to use the car more frequently. However, even her 1- to 2-mile round trips weekly do not charge the

battery sufficiently. Are there any other solutions except for me going over, hooking up her charger, and removing it a day later, as she is not comfortable doing so?

— J.F., Tinley Park, Illinois A: First, get rid of the trickle charger and get a smart battery maintainer. A smart charger will neither overcharge nor damage the battery. You can leave it attached until the next time the car is needed, and then install an electrical connector in the wires between the charger and battery. Allow the connector to pass through the grill and she can unplug it just like removing the charger from her smartphone. Most auto parts stores have a simple two-wire connector in the trailer hitch aisle.

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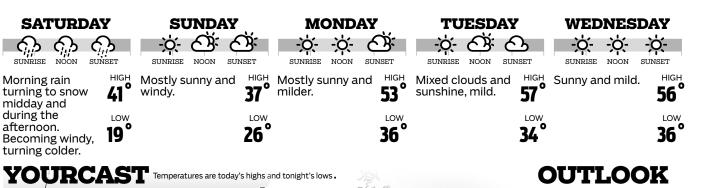
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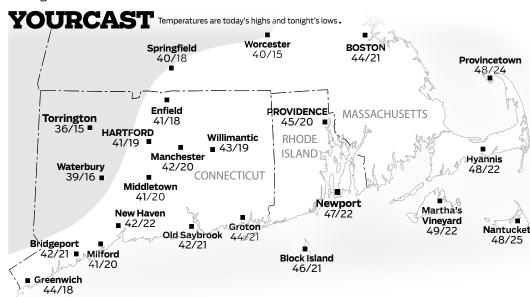


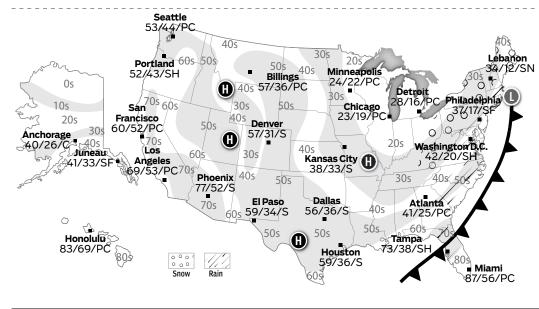
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While snowfall hasn't been overwhelming with just 30.4 inches having occurred, the process by which Mother Nature is taking to deliver it is becoming somewhat annoying. The days leading up to the snow have been unusually mild, then just when one foolishly believes there is some lasting power, the next day features either a snowstorm or a rain to wet snow event. It will occur once again Saturday after the warmth of Friday. Today's morning rain will turn to afternoon snow and increasingly gusty winds. Up to six inches could fall in western portions of the state, less elsewhere.

-Gary Lessor

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| Precipitation In Inches | Total | Normal |
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| Month to date | 0.83 | 1.37 |
| Total this year | 7.14 | 7.78 |
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| | 6:43 p.m. | 12:32 p.m. | |
| Connecticut River | 9:06 a.m. | 3:28 a.m. | |
| at Portland | 9:26 p.m. | 4:18 p.m. | |
| Madison | 6:17 a.m. | a.m. | |
| | 6:52 p.m. | | |
| New Haven | 6:37 a.m. | 12:19 a.m. | . 40° |
| | 7:12 p.m. | | |
| Stamford | 6:41 a.m. | 12:33 a.m. | . 41° |
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30-day Precipitation History In Inches

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AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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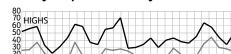
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THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH **SCHOOL RESULTS**

BOYS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments Division IV—Second Round **Upper Bracket**

VALLEY REGIONAL (11-12): DiAngelo Jean-Pierre 4-5-14, Simon Partyka 2-1-5, Andrew Yermenson 2-0-5Sam Hutchinson 8-0-16, James Marsden 1-1-3, Totals 17-7-43.

CROMWELL (23-1): Gianluca Albert 4-0-10, Louis Friend 5-0-10, Victor Payne 4-5-13, JJ Fehan 6-0-14, Jake Salafia 3-0-7. Totals 22-5-54.

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Lower Bracket

ABBOTT TECH 69, ROCKVILLE 46
ROCKVILLE (10-12): Juneil Powell 2-2-6, Weston

LaBreque 1-0-2, Jayden Tate 2-0-5, Cam Washington 3-0-6, Dylan Resendes 2-0-5, John Ryan 3-5-12, Eric Montez 3-3-10. Totals 16-10-46. ABBOTT TECH (18-3): Tony Aversano 5-2-13, Tren-

ton Chansouk 0-2-2, Armani Checo 5-1-14, Carlos Madera 7-5-21, Robert Pysk 3-4-10, Khalil Morgan 1-2-4. Josue Jimenez 1-0-2. Isaac Ortega 1-1-3. Totals 23-17-69.

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Division V-Second Round Upper Bracket

SUFFIELD 63, WHITNEY TECH 52 SUFFIELD (14-8): Tyler Lewis 1-0-3, Nick Van Cott 1-1-3, Ryan Levis 8-1-19, Michael Coggins 9-13-31, Nick Sattan 3-0-6, Quinn Lyman 0-0-0, Ryan Sunshine

0-1-1. Totals 22-16-63. WHITNEY TECH (16-6): Brandon DiSimone 2-0-6, Eric Johnson 3-1-8, Nashawn Brown 3-3-10, Jeff Medley 5-5-16, Noah Vega 4-0-10, Quanue Johnson 0-2-2. Totals 17-11-52

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WINDSOR LOCKS 49. HALE-RAY 48 WINDSOR LOCKS (11-10): Jaydon Buckle 10-1-24, Jaheime Thomas 2-1-5, Chris Vega 2-1-5, Kyle Hinckley 4-0-10, Austin Smith 1-0-3, Jamari Murrell 1-0-2.

HALE-RAY (15-6): Mamush Ciccarello 4-0-11, Nate Matetich 2-2-6. Braden Lankarge 1-0-2, Miles Gagne 2-0-6, Loudon Chupas 4-8-17, Drew Conroy 1-3-6. Totals 14-13-48.

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Lower Bracket WEAVER 67, LITCHFIELD 47

LITCHFIELD (13-9): AJ Quesnel 2-0-6, Ben Mwanza 1-0-2, JT Gostkowski 0-1-1, Daniel Dieck 9-3-21, Tommy Gostkowski 5-0-13, Harry Barnes 1-0-2, Ian Fischthal 1-0-2. Totals 19-4-47. WEAVER (15-6): Stephen Wilson 5-0-12, Damar Artis 1-1-7, Jamir Hicks 3-0-6, Madden Cupe 9-1-23, Chris

14 11 12 10 - 47 18 10 11 28 - 67

Note: C. Wilson had a double-double with 12 rebounds, 6blocks and Artis had 6assists, 6steals, No. 14Litchfield (13-8) at No. 3Weaver (15-5)

BOYS SWIMMING

Wilson 7-5-19. Totals 26-7-67.

Diving Championships CLASS L AT SHEEHAN HS

Top 10finishers: 1. Andrew Bell, South Windsor, 542.302. Jonah Genser, Hall, 457.10; 3. Jack Krug, New Canaan, 445.95; 4. Matthew Magnotta, Darien, 356.85: 5. Will Arnold, South Windsor, 356.10: 6. Christian Camporin, New Canaan, 342.65; 7. Daniel Kamin, Conard, 337.90; 8. Matthew Raymond, Simsbury, 332.80; 9. Dylan Morrissey, Fairfield Prep, 306.05; 10. John McDermott, Fairfield Prep 294.40. CLASS M AT MIDDLETOWN HS Top 10finishers: 1. Griffin Casev. Wilton, 464.00: 2.

Sarah Grady, Avon, 389.20; 3. Cody Schad, Middletown, 387.00; 4. Diego Carrillo, Middletown, 356.30; 5. Alexander Hauser, Hand, 353,25; 6. Tyler Robie. Pomperaug, 347.00; 7. Aiden Melnyk, Berlin, 323.40; 8. Emma Nugai, Watertown, 321.65; 9. Satchel Diaz, Pomperaug, 308.70; 10. Gabrielle Fisher, Avon,

CLASS S AT SHEEHAN HS

Top 8finishers: 1. John Courtemache, Northwestern, 438.10; 2. Giacomo Colangelo, Shepaug, 404.40; 3. Asa Bannerman, Northwestern, 395.00; 4. Donald Mulligan, Woodland, 364,35; 5, Luke Ramans, East Catholic, 283.50; 6. DeAngelo Allen, Woodland, 271.75; 7. Nathan Dimatteo, Holy Cross, 264.85; 8. Aiden Hebb, Holy Cross, 229.50.

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBAL

CIAC State Tournaments Division II - Quarterfinals

Upper Bracket TOI CENTE WATERFORD (19-7): Logan Peabody 2-3-8, Pat Barrs 0-2-2, Jordan Elci 4-0-9, Evan McCue 3-0-8, Evan

Piotrowski 0-1-1. Sean O'Connell 4-4-12. Juan Morel 4-0-8. Totals 17-10-48. BRISTOL CENTRAL (26-0): Victor Rosa 2-0-4, Damion Glasper 2-0-4, Steve Alseph 3-0-8, Carson Rivoira 4-1-9, Donovan Clingan 19-6-45. Totals 30-7-70.

14 11 8 15 - 48 16 15 23 16 - 70

WILTON 63, HOLY CROSS 62

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 101, CROSBY 63 CROSBY (16-6): Jonathan Rivera 10-3-25, Andre Arrington 5-0-13, Kani Glenn 3-1-7, Jay Robinson 3-2-9. Daniel Melendez 2-0-4. Curtis Ellis 0-1-1. Beamoni Bizzy 2-0-4. Totals 25-7-63. NORTHWEST CATHOLIC (24-2): Matthew Curtis 13-0-30, Jehyvic Spencer 2-0-4, London Jemison 6-0-12, Gianni Mirabello 3-0-8, Badara Diakite 4-3-11, Hayden Abdullah 10-4-26. Totals 42-8-101. **CONARD 55. MIDDLETOWN 43**

Division IV-Quarterfinals Unner Bracket

GRANBY 58, ELLINGTON 49
ELLINGTON (14-9): Mike Bontempo 9-3-22, Darren Zahner 2-0-4. Elijah Miller 2-1-5. Cody Murphy 6-0-12. Caden Bannon 2-0-4. Totals 21-6-49 GRANBY (20-5): Declan Lynch 1-1-4, Justin Phillips 8-2-20, Josh Brown 4-5-13, Liam Heinze 2-1-6, John Bell 2-0-4, Max Jensen 0-2-2, Ralph Rossi 4-1-9. Totals

15 12 9 13 - 49

12 14 12 20 - 58 **CROMWELL 62. WAMOGO 32**

Lower Bracket **MORGAN 51. ABBOTT TECH 50**

BLOOMFIELD 74, BRANFORD 55

GIRLS BASKETBALL **CIAC State Tournaments**

Class LL—Semifinals at New Britain HS EAST HARTFORD 67, MIDDLETOWN 38 MIDDLETOWN (20-4): Jada Bryant 3-1-7, Alexa DeSena 2-2-6, Ava Studinski 1-0-3, Tyah Petteway 7-1-16, Jahne Carrenard 1-0-2, Tajahnae Brock 1-0-2, Shadae Bushav 1-0-2. Totals 16-4-38. EAST HARTFORD (25-2): Zoe Mercado 3-0-7, Kayla Henry 4-0-9, Victoria Silva-Soto 3-0-6, Shailyn Pinknev 12-3-29. Nia Edens 3-1-8. Comfort Boateng 0-1-1. Savannah Morgan 1-0-2, Elizabeth Kalugira 1-0-2. Janiya Henry 1-0-3. Totals 28-5-67.

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Class MM-Semifinals

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BOYS HOCKEY

CIAC State Tournaments Division II—Quarterfinals Upper Bracket

NORTH HAVEN 2. HAND 1 FARMINGTON VALLEY VS. SHEEHAN, LATE

Lower Bracket LYMAN HALL 4, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 3 (OT)
WATERTOWN/POMPERAUG VS. WETHERSFIELD,

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL **SCHEDULE**

BOYS HOCKEY

CIAC State Tournaments Division I-Ouarterfinals Upper **Bracket:** No. 8Ridgefield (10-10-1) vs. No. 1 Notre Dame-West Haven (16-4) at Wonderland of Ice, Bridgeport, 4p.m.: No. 5Fairfield Prep (13-7) vs. No. 4 New Canaan (13-5-3) at West Haven HS, 1p.m. Lower **Bracket:** No. 7Hamden (12-8-1) vs. No. 2 Xavier (13-6-1) at West Haven HS, 7p.m.; No. 6Darien (12-7-1) vs. No. 3Northwest Catholic (15-4-2) at West Haven HS, 4p.m.

THURSDAY'S LATE **COLLEGE RESULTS**

MEN'S BASKETBALL Big East Tourney-Ouarterfinal (MSG) UCONN 62. SETON HALL 52 MAAC Tourney-Quarterfinal (Atlantic City, N.J.)

Lisbon

Paris

Rome

Singapore

Prague

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

TRINITY 16, SKIDMORE 3

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE

RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East **Tourney**—Semifinal (MSG) **UCONN VS. VILLANOVA, LATE** MAAC Tournev—Semifinal (Atlantic City, N.J.) QUINNIPIAC VS. ST. PETER'S, LATE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivy League **Tourney**—Semifinal (Boston, Mass.) **YALE VS. COLUMBIA, LATE** MAAC Tourney—Semifinals FAIRFIELD 75, NIAGARA 38 MANHATTAN 72, QUINNIPIAC 59 MEN'S HOCKEY

ECAC Tourney—Quarterfinal (Game 1; best-of-3)
ST. LAWRENCE AT QUINNIPIAC, LATE Atlantic Hockey Tourney-Quarterfinal (Game 1;

SACRED HEART AT RIT, LATE BASEBALL

UCONN 6, PEPPERDINE 2 QUINNIPIAC 6-4, GEORGE MASON 4-8 EASTERN 10, PURCHASE 3 YALE 11, FORDHAM 2 WESLEYAN VS. CHAPMAN, LATE

FAIRFIELD AT FGCU, LATE

SOFTBALL UCONN 8-11, ST. JOHN'S 0-1 UMASS LOWELL 5-7, CENTRAL 3-6 MARIST 9. YALE 0 TENNESSEE TECH 11-2, QUINNIPIAC 0-0 PRINCETON 11, SACRED HEART 3 (6) UC-SANTA BARBARA 10, SACRED HEART 1 (5)

FAIRFIELD 4, WESTERN CAROLINA 3 MARSHALL 8, FAIRFIELD 0 YALE AT ARIZONA, LATE

MEN'S LACROSSE ST. JOSEPH 14, CASTLETON 9 **EASTERN AT SKIDMORE, LATE**

WOMEN'S LACROSSE **MONMOUTH 13, SACRED HEART 10**

MEN'S TENNIS WESLEYAN VS. KENYON, LATE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

WESLEYAN VS. KENYON, LATE

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivy League Tourney-Semifinal (Boston, Mass.) Penn vs. Yale, 2p.m. MAAC **Tourney**—Final (Atlantic City, N.J.) Monmouth/Rider vs. Quinnipiac/St. Peter's, 4p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MAAC **Tourney**—Final Manhattan vs. Fairfield, 11a.m.

Hockey East Tourney-Ouarterfinal Boston University at UConn, 4:30p.m. NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—First Round Trinity at Babson, 7p.m. ECAC **Tourney**—Quarterfinal (Game 2; best-of-3) St. Lawrence at Quinnipiac, 7p.m. Atlantic Hockey Tourney-Quarterfinal (Game 1;

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Sacred Heart at RIT, 7p.m.

NCAA Division I Tourney-Quarterfinals Yale at Colgate, 3p.m. Quinnipiac at Ohio State, 5p.m.

RANGERS

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That 6-2 loss to the Blues? Remember it, coach Gallant says

By Colin Stephenson Newsday

ST. LOUIS - Sometimes, after a particularly embarrassing loss, a team can convince itself to just forget it and move on, writing it off as an aberration, and not a reflection of who the team

really is. Rangers coach Gerard Gallant wasn't inclined to forget Thursday's hideous 6-2 loss to the St. Louis Blues, however. Gallant was furious after having to pull goaltender Igor Shesterkin from the game 15 seconds into the second period. And he wanted very much for his players to remember evervthing about this one, in the hope they will be able to

learn from it. "I hope so," he said. "Yeah. [There are] a lot of lessons." 'We're a little — whether

it's lackadaisical, or not fully dialed in... we're making little mistakes in the 'D' zone and it's costing us right now," forward Barclay Goodrow said. "So we have to learn from those, but also turn the page. We've got a big game on Saturdav.'

The Rangers close their four-game trip Saturday in Dallas against the Stars. They are 1-2 on the trip, having lost two straight, to Minnesota and St. Louis. They have not lost three games in a row in regulation all season, but they will have to fix a few things if they are to keep that record intact.

Against St. Louis, they lost by four goals even though they killed all three Blues power plays and scored two power-play goals in three chances. Gallant called them "soft" after they allowed three goals on shots from the slot and one off the rush on a backdoor tap-in in the first 20 minutes and 15 seconds.

Mostly, the coach was mad his team once again got off to a slow start. They have done that often this season, but Shesterkin has bailed them out time and time again, keeping them in games until they finally got their act together. Thursday proved to be one slow start too many.

"I mean, how many times do you need to do it?" Gallant asked.

Gallant bemoaned the fact he said the Rangers have been giving up too many wide open shots from the slot all season. When asked how the team can fix that, he was short on specif-

"Defend it better," he said. "Defend it better."

Defenseman Ryan Lindgren had a tough night, taking two early penalties and leaving Ivan Barbashev uncovered in the low slot to sweep in a pass from behind the goal by Brandon Saad to make it 2-0 at 13:50 of the first period. That was 45 seconds after Robert Thomas scored the first of his two goals to put St. Louis ahead. 1-0.

Lindgren and his defense partner, Adam Fox, were both minus-4 on the night, as was forward Chris Kreider. Kreider's linemates, Mika Zibanejad and Alexis Lafreniere, were minus-3.

Gallant was asked if, after two consecutive brutal performances, it might be time to make some changes. He has kept the top two defense pairs together all season, for instance, and could get his team's attention by tweaking those, or tinkering with the top two forward lines.

But he said he doesn't see the need for changes, and pointed to the fact that the team is dealing with some injuries — specifically to forwards Kaapo Kakko, Kevin Rooney and Greg McKegg — that have weakened the lineup.

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Short rib stew brimming with memories

By Yewande Komolafe The New York Times

If you need a little extra warmth this winter, let eintopf be your go-to.

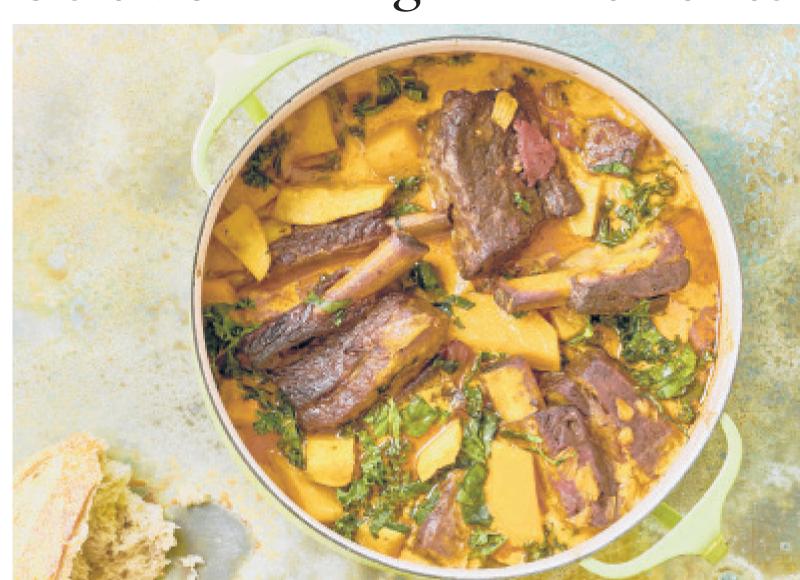
There are as many versions of eintopf, a hearty German stew, as there are people who love it. A traditional eintopf may include bratwurst and sauerkraut, but how it is cooked (eintopf translates to "one pot") is more important than what goes in the pot. As long as you have meat and vegetables, you have the basis for eintopf.

I first got to know eintopf as a child. My parents moved us back to Lagos after completing graduate school in Berlin, and they shared eintopf with me and my siblings. They didn't have a singular approach to it, and I don't either. It's a dish I am constantly refining and most likely always will be.

That's because eintopf is as generous as it is brilliant for how well it takes to substitutions. Any root vegetable you have on hand will work, and any combination of two or three works best: Carrots, parsnips, beets, sunchokes and potatoes are just some options. Spicy greens, hearty greens or cabbages are ideal for finishing the stew, adding a bit of crunch.

This recipe highlights bone-in short ribs, which, like other tough but flavorful cuts of meat, will need time to break down, but they'll eventually reach a point where the bones, juices and fat all make indiscernible contributions to the broth. The coconut milk provides a finish that suits me — an avoider of dairy — but you can add heavy cream or any other ingredient that thickens quickly without watering down the dish.

Once it's out of the oven, you can then separate what you'll save for the days ahead. To the portions I'll be serving right away, I add kale, followed by a toss of reserved fennel fronds. At this point, the broth holds a certain brightness, but, if after tasting, a lime wedge or a quick zest of another citrus peel suits you, that would be lovely, too.



Eintopf, a hearty German stew of braised short ribs, fennel, squash and potatoes. A traditional eintopf may include bratwurst and sauerkraut, but how it is cooked (eintopf translates to "one pot") is more important than what goes in the pot. **KELLY MARSHALL/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Eintopf (braised short ribs with fennel, squash and sweet potato)

Total time: 4 hours **Makes:** 6 to 8 servings 4 pounds meaty, bone-in short ribs, cut into single-bone portions

1 tablespoon neutral oil, such as grapeseed, canola or vegetable oil

1 small fennel bulb, trimmed and chopped (about 2 ¼ cups), top with fronds separated from bulb

and thinly sliced 6 shallots, peeled and halved lengthwise

6 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled

1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed ½ teaspoon ground turmeric

1 (28-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes 4 cups chicken stock

1 white sweet potato, such as Japanese sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces, or use an orange sweet potato (2 loose cups) ½ small butternut squash (about 1 pound 3 ounces), seeds removed, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 (14 ½-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1 (1-inch) piece fresh ginger, scrubbed and grated 4 cups torn or cut fresh greens, such as kale, mature spinach, mustard greens or dandelion

greens

Warm crusty bread, for serving 1. Season the short ribs with a sprinkle of salt on all sides. Heat the oil in a large Dutch oven set over medium-high. Working in batches if necessary, brown the tops and sides of short ribs, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a large plate and repeat browning process with the remaining ribs. 2. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from the pot. Add the chopped fennel bulb (reserve the top and fronds for garnish), shallots and garlic to the pot, season with salt, and toss to coat in the pan drippings. Sauté over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until softened, 3 minutes. Add the fennel seeds and turmeric, and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add the tomatoes and break apart the whole pieces with a wooden spoon or other cooking utensil. Cook until the tomato juices are thickened, about 6 minutes. Return the browned short ribs, bone-side up, to the pot along with any drippings

from the plate. Pour in the chicken stock and bring up to a simmer. Cover and transfer pot to the oven. Braise until the meat is tender but not falling off

the bone, about 2 to 2 ½ hours. 3. Increase the oven temperature to 375 degrees. Transfer cooked short ribs to a plate. Using a colander or sieve set over a bowl, drain out vegetable solids from the pot and discard, reserving the liquid broth. Skim off and discard as much oil as you can from the surface of the liquid using a spoon or a ladle. (You should have about 3 to 4 cups of broth.) Return broth to the pot, add the potato and squash, and pour in the coconut milk. Season to taste with salt and the 1 teaspoon black pepper. Add the ginger and return the short ribs to the pot, nestling the pieces between the vegetables so that the meat is mostly submerged in the liquid. Return the pot to the oven and braise uncovered until the potato and squash are tender, the meat is falling off the bone, and the liquid is slightly reduced, 50 minutes to 1 hour.

4. On the stovetop but off heat, stir in the greens: Heat from the stew should gently wilt the leaves. Top with thinly sliced fennel top and fronds. Serve hot in bowls with warm crusty bread for dipping.



Loaded up with six different vegetables, this chickpea noodle soup can give your health a boost. GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE PHOTOS

SUPER BOWLS

3 warming vegetarian soups to keep you healthy through winter

By Gretchen McKay Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Chicken soup has long been touted as a soothing home remedy for the annoying colds and body-crushing flus of winter.

Filled with nutrients, a steaming bowl helps clear sinus congestion, and some research suggests it might defend against infection.

Chicken soup also makes us feel nostalgic - sipping a cup while curled up on the couch can feel like a big, embracing hug from someone you love, even if the noodle-strewn broth came from a can.

But what if you're thinking about going vegan? Or maybe you're just resolving to eat less meat, opting instead for a diet that incorporates alternate proteins, such as beans paired with a wide variety of vegetables. You're in luck, because soups made from veggies like celery, carrots, leeks, parsnips and/or onions can also make you feel better when you're under the weather.

"There's this aura around chicken soup and its special powers," says Rachel Kurtter, a dietitian and wellness coach for Highmark Health. Yet its restorative properties are not so much about any supposed "magical" powers as simple nourishment.

People tend to lose fluids when they're sick, and soup replenishes those losses, she says. It also does the body good by providing calories, proteins, and vitamins and minerals.

"At the end of the day, (soup) helps you hydrate and replace electrolytes," she says, even if you're only sipping a little at a

Antioxidants

Kurtter says no one vegetable rises above all others when making soup. Vegetables in general are naturally low in calories and important sources of essential vitamins and minerals. And many of the most popular ones that go into the soup pot leafy greens, carrots, potatoes, cabbage and garlic — are also high in antioxidants, substances that may protect your cells against unstable molecules known as free

They're also loaded with polyphenols, plant-based compounds that help prevent disease and keep you healthy in a different way than vitamins, minerals or other nutrients. Spinach, red and yellow onions, shallots, potatoes, broccoli and carrots, which are all easy to find in winter months, are especially high in them.

"You want to eat a rainbow of colors," Kurtter says, because they all provide different benefits to the body in helping your immune system fight infection.

Carrots, for instance, not only add a touch of sweetness but are also a great source of vitamin A, an anti-inflammatory agent. Kale contains high levels of vitamin C,



This nutritious vegetable soup is packed with kale, fennel and cannellini beans. Parmesan croutons add crunch.

Kale, fennel and white bean soup

If you like greens and beans, you'll love this soup. It's quick to pull together and because of all the leafy greens. it will fill you up with all kinds of nutrients. Don't worry about rinsing the beans, advises Milk Street chef and author Christopher Kimball. The starchy liquid that clings to them lends body to the broth. I used a baguette for the croutons, and curly kale instead of lacinato (Tuscan) kale.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings 8 ounces rustic bread, torn into bite-sized pieces 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided

1 medium red or yellow onion

2-inch piece of Parmesan rind,

1 medium fennel bulb, trimmed, halved lengthwise, cored and sliced ½ inch across the grain 1 bunch kale, stems removed, chopped and reserved, and leaves roughly chopped

2 tablespoons tomato paste 2 medium garlic cloves, minced ½ cup dry white wine 2 sprigs thyme

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or more to taste 15-ounce can cannellini beans,

drained but not rinsed

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees with rack in middle position. Distribute bread on rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss, then bake until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes, stirring once halfway through. Remove from oven, sprinkle with about half the Parmesan and toss; set aside.

2. In large pot over medium, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons oil until shimmering. Add onion, fennel, kale stems and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables soften, about 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and garlic. Cook, stirring until paste begins to brown and stick to the bottom of pot, about 1 minute. Add wine, thyme and pepper flakes, then cook, scraping up any browned bits, until liquid has almost evaporated, about 2 minutes. 3. Stir in beans, kale leaves, Parmesan rind (if using), 5 cups water, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Bring to a simmer over medium-high, then reduce to medium and cook, uncovered and stirring occasionally, until kale is very tender, 20-25

4. Remove and discard thyme and Parmesan rind (if used). Taste and season with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls, top with croutons and the remaining Parmesan. If desired, drizzle a little oil on top. Recipe from "Milk Street Vegetables" by Christopher Kimball

minutes.

Chickpea noodle soup

This vegetarian take on chicken noodle soup is healthful and hearty. White miso, a fermented paste made from rice, barley and soybeans (and found in the Asian section of some grocery stores), adds a mild umami flavor. If you can't find it, substitute a splash or two of soy sauce. The parsley relish adds a spicy finish.

For the soup:

and diced

Extra-virgin olive oil 3 sprigs thyme (or 1/2 teaspoon herbes de Provence) 1 yellow onion, sliced thinly 1 leek, sliced thinly and rinsed of dirt 4 garlic cloves, minced Kosher salt

1 cup white wine 2 tablespoons white miso (or liquid aminos) 2 carrots, peeled (or scrubbed)

2 medium parsnips, peeled and diced (or swap in sweet potato) 1 medium rutabaga, peeled and diced (or swap in turnips) 1 small celeriac head, peeled and diced (or 3 stalks celery, sliced

2 cups (or one 16-ounce can) cooked chickpeas 4 ounces pappardelle or fettuccini

For the parsley relish:

11/2 teaspoons red pepper flakes Zest and juice from 1 lemon 10 sprigs parsley, roughly

1. In a soup pot, heat a glug of olive oil over medium heat. Add the thyme (or herbes de Provence) and briefly fry, 10-15 seconds.

2. Add onion, leek and garlic, plus a big pinch of salt, and reduce heat to medium-low. Sweat the mixture until soft, about 7 minutes. Add white wine and reduce by half.

3. Dissolve miso into 8 cups of water. If it doesn't blend completely, don't worry, it will as the soup simmers — this just helps it along.

4. Add root vegetables, chickpeas and miso water. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cook until all vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, in a small frying

pan, lightly toast red pepper flakes over medium-high heat until fragrant, about 30 seconds. 6. In a separate bowl, combine ½ cup of olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley and a pinch of salt. Add warm red pepper to the mixture.

7. When the vegetables are tender, taste and adjust salt as desired. Add the pasta and simmer until tender, 6-8 minutes

8. Divide the soup into 4 bowls and top with a hefty spoonful of the parsley relish.

- Recipe from food52.com

Carrot soup with ginger

Ginger root has long been used as a herbal remedy for colds to soothe sore throats and cough, and also can fend off the nausea that comes with the flu. It's paired here in a warming vegetarian soup with carrots. which, thanks to a high level of vitamin C, can help your body build antibodies and boost your immune system Like most soups, this keeps well in the fridge for a few days. Make it a full meal by serving with a salad

Makes: 4 servings 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil 1 cup chopped yellow onion 3 cloves garlic, smashed 2 cups chopped carrots 11/2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger

and hearty, buttered toast.

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar or orange juice 3 to 4 cups vegetable broth Sea salt and fresh black pepper 1 teaspoon maple syrup,

Coconut milk for garnish, optional

optional

Pesto for garnish, optional 1. Heat olive oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onions and a generous pinch of salt and pepper and cook until softened, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes.

2. Add smashed garlic cloves and carrots to pot and cook about 8 minutes more, stirring occasionally. Stir in ginger, then add apple cider vinegar. Add 3-4 cups broth, depending on your desired consistency. Reduce to a simmer and cook until carrots are soft, 30 minutes.

3. Let cool slightly, then transfer to blender. Blend until smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings. Add maple syrup if desired.

4. Serve with a drizzle of coconut milk on top and/or a dollop of pesto, if desired. Recipe from loveandlemons.

which is thought to reduce the symptoms of a cold (though not the chances of catching one). Fresh ginger, meanwhile, is

effective against vomiting and

nausea, and garlic has antimicro-

bial, antiviral and antibiotic prop-To help get you through the rest of winter, we dish up three nutritious and nourishing vegetarian soups that are easy to make with easy-to-find produce and pantry

ingredients. And going forward? Kurtter recommends supporting your immune system all year round and not just when you're sick — by eating a balanced diet, getting a good night's sleep and managing stress by finding time in each day to unwind, "even if it's just for 5

"It will help you be healthy all year," she says.



Boost your immune system this winter with a zesty carrrot-ginger soup.

New wines from very old Spanish vines

By Eric Asimov The New York Times

It may seem paradoxical that the new wave of producers who have been energizing the Spanish wine industry over the past 20 years are mostly focused on resources that are very

That's because all over the country — from the Mediterranean coast to the Atlantic, and even to the Canary Islands off the coast of Morocco - Spain possesses a great wealth of ancient vineyards, some well into their second

Today these vineyards are cherished by growers and producers with an understanding and appreciation of the importance of heritage and tradition.

The vineyards not only offer important insights into the viticultural thinking of older generations, they permit a continuity of culture, which sometimes evolves in unexpected directions. And, in the opinion of many growers and producers, old vines offer grapes of unsurpassed quality, even if age has diminished their produc-

The understanding of their importance has been fairly recent and not at all universal. Wine, like architecture, is regularly tugged between preservation and development, tradition and fashion, protecting history and clearing the way for new visions.

We understand that what's in the glass is never just wine, no matter how delicious it might be. Every good bottle has a story to tell, one that almost always enhances the pleasure in uncorking the wine, pouring it out and drinking it. For the last month we've been examining red wines from three of these newer Spanish producers who've been rejuvenating the notion of what Spanish wines are all about.

Their stories are particular to Spain, but similar tales are told all over the wine-producing world, wherever winemaking history stretches back to the 19th century or earlier.

Throughout Europe, in California and Chile, Australia and South Africa, old vineyards have been grubbed up and replaced, either with newer vineyards that were more productive or with grapes deemed more in demand. Sometimes they were simply paved over for housing, office buildings and factories.

It has taken visionary farmers and producers the world over to recognize both the potential of these vineyards to make great wines and the value of their cultural heritage.

Traveling through Spanish wine regions, you can see in places like Manchuela or Sierra de Gredos where merlot vines replaced older vines. But now the situation has been reversed. International grapes go wanting, while producers prospect for older heritage vineyards.

That's been the case for the producers of the three bottles I suggested for drinking over the last month. They were: Envinate Ycoden-Daute-Isora Benje Tinto 2020, Laura Lorenzo Daterra Viticultores Camino de la Frontera Viño Tinto 2019 and Goyo García Viadero Ribera del Duero Joven de Viñas Viejas 2019.



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All three producers embody a similar ethos: Respect for the land and culture, and a desire to express their characteristics in the wine. They all farm without chemicals or artificial treatments and make wines with minimal manipulation.

Envinate is a group of four friends from different parts of Spain who met in oenology school and who are now making wines from the Canary Islands, Ribeira Sacra and other regions. The Benje Tinto is a sort of introduction to their range, made from old-vine grapes grown at high elevation on Tenerife in the Canaries. The wine is mostly listan prieto, a grape brought to South America by the

conquistadors. It's known as país in Chile and mission in the United States.

In both Chile and California, the grape has been pulled out, buried in blends or reserved for local consumption. But more recently, producers in both places have been making and selling fascinating wines with the grape.

As many readers noted, the Envinate Benje had a slightly funky aroma, which smelled to me like flowers and red fruits, with a touch of rotten egg. Sometimes, this quality can arise when a wine is made in airtight conditions, but this wine was fermented in concrete and aged in old barrels, both of which permit a small degree of

oxygenation, so that would not have been the cause.

I asked the importer. José Pastor, about this, and he speculated that it might have been a result of the vines growing in volcanic soils with low pH and few nutrients. Regardless, I decanted the wine to give it some air and the funk was soon gone. The wine itself was light-bodied, almost delicate, with a lacy texture and earthy, mineral, floral flavors. It was lovely with pan-roasted steelhead trout.

Laura Lorenzo of Daterra works mostly in Galicia, the northwest corner of Spain, where she has either acquired or rents old heritage vineyards that are sometimes full of little-

la Frontera Tinto, comes from an ancient vineyard

known indigenous grapes.

Her wine, Camino de

a little south of Galicia, in a nature refuge west of the city of Salamanca near the Portuguese border. It's made mostly of a grape called Juan García, with other local varieties and tempranillo, and it's gorgeous - exuberantly perfumed with aromas of dried flowers and red fruits. Like the Envinate, it's light-bodied but full of energy and life, and absolutely delicious.

By contrast, Goyo García Viadero works in a more established region, Ribera del Duero, and largely with tinto fino, as the wellknown tempranillo grape is called in the region. But unlike many Ribera producers, who work in a modern fashion, García has tried to preserve older ways; he often uses heritage vineyards in which red and white varieties, like tinto fino and albillo, grow side by side. He ferments them together as well.

The Joven de Viñas Viejas — literally, young of old vines — is made strictly of old-vine tinto fino. "Joven" indicates it's largely unaged - fermented in steel vats and intended for early consumption, as it's the introductory bottle to his range.

It's richer and more textured than the other two, as I'd expect from a wine coming from a warmer region, lightly tannic and sumptuous, with intense flavors of dark fruits and flowers. It's beautiful and versatile, a wine you can drink with a rich fish like steelhead trout or

As one of the great wine-producing countries of the world, Spain's reputation would be secure with its history of Rioja and sherry along with more recently emerging wines like Priorat and albariño. But these three fresh and vibrant bottles, and what they represent, offer another important perspective on Spanish





I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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New cookbook showcases VERY VERSATILE EGG

By Mark Kennedy Associated Press

f you're ever at the grocery store and wondering how old the eggs really are in the dairy section, Lisa Steele has a trick. Look for the secret number.

Printed on one end of each carton, you'll find a three-digit number from 001 to 365, which represents the packaging date. The No. 001 refers to Jan. 1, while No. 365 stands for Dec. 31.

"It's very sneaky how they do that because they really don't want you to know how old the eggs are," says Steele from her home in Maine, where she raises over a dozen chickens, 10 ducks and two geese. "I just envision people everywhere in grocery stores now checking out the egg carton code."

From her popular blog Fresh Eggs Daily, Steele dispenses plenty of similar tips on egg handling and chicken raising. So this month, she delivers a natural extension: a cookbook that showcases the adaptable egg, "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook," from Harper Horizon, an imprint of HarperCollins.

"I don't know that there is someone else who raises chickens who has written an egg cookbook," Steele says. "I do have a different perspective and obviously a lot of eggs."

The recipes include dishes ranging from breakfast to dessert, including Sweet Potato Sausage Frittata, Deviled Eggs with Avocado Oil and Sage, Bacon and Beet Hash, Egg Yolk Ravioli and Angel Food Cake - plus a Lime Bourbon Sour to wash them down.

Steele notes that the humble egg is very versatile and an inexpensive way to get protein while cutting down on eating red meat. It's not just for breakfast.

"I think people get into a rut with the scrambled, fried, maybe hard boiled — you forget all the other things that you can do with eggs," she says. "They're almost like two ingredients because a yolk is completely different than the white. You can use them together. You can use them sepa-

Some of the more innovative recipes in the book include a Bacon and Egg Pizza with scallions and garlic that you can reheat for breakfast, and an Egg Lemon Soup, which uses chicken stock and rice.

"A fresh egg from a chicken that has been eating bugs and weeds and things just tastes really good on its own," she says. "But it's also super neutral, so you can pair it with different spices, or different herbs or different cheeses and come up with a completely different meal."

Steele thanks her husband in the acknowledgments for "eating way too many eggs on demand" during testing. While perfecting



"As soon as the cake cooled enough to eat, we'd take turns tearing pieces off and shoving the still-warm, light-as-a-feather cake into our mouths," Lisa Steele says of the angel food cake she baked with her mother. TINA RUPP/HARPER HORIZON

her mini souffles, she once made 18 in a day until she was happy with the recipe. "The chickens ate a lot of souffle that day because they got all the disasters," she

Freshness matters, since egg whites thin out as an egg ages, making poaching and frying harder.

But eggs are also resilient: Refrigerated eggs can remain good to eat with little reduction in nutritional value for three to four months or longer. In addition to the secret number on the carton. there are two other good tests for freshness: If you shake an egg and the insides slosh around, it's old. And a fresh egg will sink to the bottom of a glass of water.

Steele also guides readers through the maze of categories that egg manufacturers use on



their cartons, like "cage-free," "pasture-raised," "organic" and "hormone-free." (Ignore "all-natural" as a marketing ploy, while "hormone-free" and "antibiotic-free" are basically meaningless, she savs.)

"Honestly, I think everybody should raise their own chickens. But, short of that, finding a farmers' market or a local farm or a neighbor or someone who raises chickens is your next best bet," she says. If that's not possible, she says, look for "certified humane pasture-raised," which means the chickens have been outdoors every day for hours on grass or other forage with lots of space to move around.

"It's a little more expensive, but I don't think it's going to break anybody's pocketbook to pay, say, \$4 or \$5 for a dozen eggs instead of \$3 or \$2.50 or something like that. You're not talking huge dollars here," she says. "There are definitely choices when it comes to eggs, and I think they're important."

Angel food cake

Angel food cake is the first thing I remember baking with my mom. She showed me how to separate the eggs, then whip the whites and fold in the flour.

As long as your bowl and beater are clean, the whites should whip up well. And remember that eggs are easier to separate when cold from the fridge but whip up higher at room temperature. Before you start, grab your eggs from the fridge and separate them, then let the whites sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before you start beating

Makes: 12 servings 1 3/4 cups sugar, divided

1 cup all-purpose flour ¼ teaspoon kosher salt

12 egg whites, room temperature 1 1/4 teaspoons cream of tartar 1½ teaspoons vanilla bean paste

½ teaspoon orange extract **Topping options:** Confectioners' sugar for dusting

Fresh blueberries Fresh mint

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees and place a rack in the bottom third of the oven.

2. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk 1 cup of the sugar with the flour and salt. Use a stand mixer with a whisk attachment to beat the egg whites and cream of tartar on medium speed for 30 to 45 seconds until combined. Add the vanilla bean paste and orange extract. Increase the mixer speed to medium-high and beat until soft peaks form, about 2 to 3 minutes.

3. Slowly add the remaining 3/4 cup of sugar, while the mixer is running, until fully combined and stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes more. Remove the bowl from the mixer and sift in the flour mixture ¼ cup a time, folding it gently into the batter with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until it's incorporated and no flour clumps remain.

4. Spoon the batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan with a removable bottom, then run a long wooden skewer or knife through the batter to get the bubbles out. Finally, smooth the top with a rubber spatula.

5. Bake until cake is golden brown on top and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Invert the pan on a wire rack or glass bottle to cool for at least 1 hour, then run a knife around the outer edge of the pan to release the sides of the cake. **6. Remove** the cake and center

insert from the pan, then run the knife around the center tube and along the bottom to unmold the cake. Place on a cake plate or stand and dust with confectioners' sugar. Cut the cake into slices with a serrated knife and garnish with fresh blueberries and mint or other preferred toppings. Store tightly wrapped with plastic wrap at room temperature for two to three days. — Recipe from "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook" by Lisa Steele



This recipe, which eliminates the constant stirring when done on the stovetop, uses Thai curry paste and coconut milk to make a dish that is enormously flavorful, creamy and vegan, too. LINDA XIAO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

A weeknight meal winner: Thai curry risotto with squash

By Hetty McKinnon | The New York Times

A wonderful weeknight dinner option, baked risotto requires minimal effort and can quickly feed a hungry family. Curry paste is the star here, effortlessly lending lots of flavor. Roasted squash brings a hearty sweetness, while

the green beans deliver crunch and bite. You can be flexible with the vegetables: Roasted sweet potato, Brussels sprouts, broccoli or cauliflower would work equally well, or stir a big handful of spinach or kale through at the final stages before serving.

This recipe yields quite a bit, so refrigerate leftovers for up to two days and reheat with more stock. You could also repurpose risotto into rice balls reminiscent of arancini: Simply form into balls, coat in breadcrumbs and shallow fry until crispy.

Thai curry risotto with squash and green beans

Makes: 6 to 8 servings Total time: 40 minutes

11/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil Kosher salt and black pepper 2 shallots, finely sliced

3 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 (1-inch) piece ginger, peeled and finely chopped 2 cups Arborio rice

½ cup Thai red or green curry paste (4 ounces)

4 1/2 cups vegetable stock ½ pound green beans, trimmed

1 (14-ounce) can coconut milk 4 makrut lime leaves, thinly sliced (optional)

1 lime, halved ⅓ cup cilantro, mint, basil or Thai basil leaves

1. Position oven racks so that a sheet pan and Dutch oven can fit at the same time and heat oven to 400 degrees. Add the squash pieces to a rimmed sheet pan, add 2 tablespoons oil, and season with salt and pepper. Toss and roast until the squash is tender and starting to turn golden, 20 minutes.

2. As squash roasts, heat a large Dutch oven over medium. Add 2 tablespoons oil and the shallots, and cook until they've softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger, and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the rice and stir until well coated in oil and lightly toasted, 2 minutes. Add the curry paste and stir until fragrant, 1 minute. Add vegetable stock, increase heat to high and bring to boil.

3. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Stir the rice so it does not stick to the bottom of the pan. Cover with a lid and bake until the rice is just slightly underdone, about 10

4. As risotto cooks, check the squash. After 20 minutes, it should be just tender. Add the green beans to the same pan, drizzle the beans with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, and season with salt and pepper. Roast until the beans are crisptender but still bright green, 8 to 10 minutes.

5. Once rice is al dente, move the pot to the stovetop and heat over medium-high. Add the coconut milk and makrut lime leaves, if using, and stir until the rice is creamy, about 3 minutes.

6. Turn off the heat and add juice of ½ lime. (Slice the other half into wedges.) Taste and season with salt and pepper. Serve with lime wedges, and top with herbs and roasted vegetables.